

School Closure- Coronavirus- Distance Learning Arrangements

Friday 20th March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you will be aware, the government has taken the decision to close all schools. As such, we will be operating remotely over the coming weeks.

Academy Hours:

It is still the expectation that students are working at home during this period. As parents, please ensure your child is working the hours of the academy day in addition to further homework set. Your child has been issued with a copy of their timetable to help provide them with structure and routine during this period.

Children of key workers, who are attending from Monday 23 March 2020, must wear full academy uniform. The academy will be open from 8:30am and close as per scheduled times of 3:30pm on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday and 2:35pm on Wednesday and Friday. Unfortunately, due to limited resources, the Breakfast Club will not be in operation.

Remote Learning:

Students in Years 7-10 will be set work by their teachers via Microsoft Teams according to their normal academy timetable. Please ensure you and your child check Microsoft Teams every day to retrieve work. Your child can access Microsoft Teams via their school email account:

<http://www.office.com>

For all Year 11 students, learning materials have been provided and work will be available via Microsoft Teams. Once the government confirms the plan for Year 11 assessment, we will write to you advising you on the next steps to be taken.

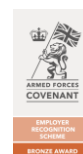
How to... & FAQ:

If you need guidance on how to access Microsoft Teams, please see our academy website:

<https://www.bristnallhallacademy.attrust.org.uk/>

Digital Access:

If you need further support with Microsoft Teams or any of our online platforms, please email: BHA-ITSUPPORT@bha.attrust.org.uk clearly stating your child's name, form, date of birth and your query.



In the event that you experience difficulties accessing any materials, we have provided with this letter a list of external education website links.

Safeguarding

The safety and well-being of our young people remains of paramount importance. Should you have any safeguarding concerns please email the academy's safeguarding team:

BHA-SAFEGUARDING@bha.attrust.org.uk

Should you believe a child or young person is suffering or likely to suffer significant harm, please contact "999" immediately. Any concerns regarding safety and welfare can also be referred to Sandwell Children's services: 0121 569 3100.

Helpline numbers to support our young people and families have been distributed to students and can be found on our website and social media pages.

Free School Meals

For those children eligible for Free School Meals, the academy will continue to provide a packed lunch on a daily basis. This will be available for collection from our academy reception area between 12:45pm and 1:15pm, Monday to Friday.

Updates and Communication:

Further information will be communicated to parents via the school website and the academy's official social media pages. The academy email address will be monitored daily should you need to communicate with the academy directly: info@bha.attrust.org.uk.

In times such as these, it is important for our community to come together. I am proud to be serving as the Principal within our Bristnall Hall family. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support and understanding as we continue to work together in overcoming the adversity we now face.

Yours faithfully,



Mr K Uppal
Principal