



Twynham Learning

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Dear Parents

GOVERNMENT CLOSURE OF TWYNHAM LEARNING SCHOOLS FOR THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE

Following the recent and unprecedented health concerns around COVID-19 (Coronavirus); which is now classified as a global pandemic by the World Health Organisation, it is with great regret that as Chief Executive of Twynham Learning Multi-Academy Trust that I have directed the Headteachers to instigate whole school closure procedures in line with the government legislation for ‘delaying’ further widespread contracting of the COVID-19 virus. In line with this government directive all public examinations and assessments have been cancelled so there will be no SAT’s, GCSE or A’ Level examinations at this time.

We have at this stage received limited information from the government around contingency planning and sadly we are receiving information at the same time as the general population; through the media. When we receive official guidance from the Department of Education we will ensure that this is communicated directly to you as we are deeply sympathetic to the anxiety this will potentially cause our young people, families and staff. In the absence of official policy we have been undertaking contingency planning over the past few weeks and the following information is related to how operations will continue for what is expected to potentially be the rest of the academic year.

The following contingency plans are being reviewed and intense preparation is being put in by all staff across the Trust to manage what is a significant workload to rapidly close the schools under emergency measures, design a modified curriculum offer, review safeguarding procedures and plan for an ongoing provision for specified groups.

Key facts and decisions to be aware of:

<p>All Twynham Schools will be closed from Monday 23rd March for ‘normal’ operations.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Every school will have precautionary cleaning processes in place to ensure long term safety of staff and students expected to use site. • All parents will need to ensure adequate arrangements are put in place for the care of their children. • Staff will be communicating approaches to all students so they understand systems moving forward and have a rationale around the reasons. • Resources for distance learning will be prepared, explained by each school and uploaded.
<p>Monday 23rd- Friday 27th March There will be no educational services offered as we undertake emergency contingency planning.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alternative care will be required for all children as staff undertake the design of online learning, reporting systems and new arrangements for pastoral care. • Distance learning study will be provided by each respective school. • Planning arrangements undertaken for the Priority Additional Provision (PAP)
<p>Monday 23rd- Friday 27th March- The Priority Additional Provision (PAP) Group will be meeting to investigate and design the new framework for core services for children designated as priority delivery.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish database of priority children requirements utilising survey and a points-based approval system. • Identify key policies such as information sharing, safeguarding, attendance, behaviour and a core structure of curriculum and related staffing. • Invitations issued for designated priority children. • Information shared for PAP

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Monday 30th March- Friday 3rd April- 1 week trial of Priority Additional Provision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All distance learning processes implemented and in operation. • 1 week Trial of PAP
All Twynham Learning Schools will be closed over the Easter period from Monday 6th April- Friday 17th April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional cleaning will be undertaken to increase the cleanliness of each setting. • Staff will be undertaking planning for the Summer Term • Welfare and well-being checks will be undertaken during the closed period.
Monday 20th April - Onwards Priority Additional Provision Hubs opened to offer provision across clusters of schools.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed hubs based at Twynham School, Twynham Primary and Stourfield School in operation

We recognise that during the next few months that there will be considerable anxiety around health issues, self-isolation and ongoing employment and financial challenges. As a Trust we have the same challenges but particular complexities around lack of legal guidance, contradictions around socialisation measures whilst also still being required to deliver frontline services in a climate of change.

We are still developing plans around co-ordinating with central government and Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Council over arrangements for those eligible for free school meals (FSM) and ongoing safeguarding protections.

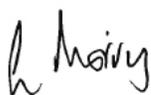
I am confident that if we can ensure a culture of respect, patience, tolerance and selflessness we can work together to ensure that we able build a better society through adversity. I would greatly appreciate it if families in a position to do so can support the local food banks, identifying where we can support one another and most of all try to abide by the Public Health guidance around hygiene and isolation.

We are undertaking a data exercise to identify those parents identified as key workers which will be undertaken in line with the Cabinet Office list of designated workers. Sadly we have to prioritise and cannot offer places to everyone and will do so through a points-based metric as we have considerably depleted capacity and need to ensure that we can offer a stable and sustainable provision in difficult times. We would appreciate it if parents who meet the key worker designation complete as a matter of priority the online questionnaire available at the following URL: <https://forms.gle/XDHrxnM7urqoz7xn6>

I thank you for your support at this time and we remain committed to the well-being and education of all our children and your schools will be communicating directly with you through designated channels to ensure that you are regularly informed.

We look forward to being able to welcome all our children back to where they need to be; succeeding in our schools.

Yours sincerely



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