



Twynham Learning

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Dear Parents

TWYNHAM LEARNING MULTI ACADEMY TRUST COVID-19 UPDATE

I am writing to provide a brief update for the Twynham Learning school community and share the Trust's current provision.

First and foremost, recognising how proud we are of our school community, where so often in the media this generation of children and young people are given a negative press by media outlets. Our students have been simply amazing over the last six weeks; showing flexibility, resilience and determination in the midst of one of the greatest seismic shocks to the education system. We are hugely grateful for the parents who are working with their children providing additional support, often whilst trying to balance other commitments.

A special thank you to all the staff who have worked exceptionally hard to deliver the interim provision in a vacuum of official guidance and resources, many of whom also have family commitments. As a Trust we monitor and discuss provision on a weekly basis and are committed to reviewing both the quality and suitability of the work; we are confident that this will only continue to improve as the lockdown extends.

Reports around re-opening:

Many of you will have seen reporting in the national media that schools will be re-opening from 1st June. Education leaders across the country have put forward strong reservations to Department for Education officials about the rationale for this planning. We await a response which meets the criteria recommended by WHO and the Government's 'Five Tests' prior to any secure planning around re-opening. We recognise that the lock-down period puts considerable strain on families and finances but, based on the continued risks to life and health, we will be taking a cautious approach and will be communicating directly with our school community as and when plans to re-open change. Any process of re-opening will be communicated several weeks in advance and each school will provide full details on regarding what is highly likely to be a partial opening process.

What we can do as a community:

- Continue to follow the guidance around the lockdown
- Support the children in their learning and keep in contact with their teachers
- Use opportunities to support others within the community

During this difficult period we are aware of the many challenges that families have encountered, particularly those families that have been affected by the furlough scheme

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and redundancy. We have put together a page of contacts for those who need support and for those who feel they are in a position to help others in their community.

<https://www.twynhamlearning.com/580/coronavirus-help-and-support>

We hope that during these difficult times you can continue to support us as a family of schools, our wider community and most importantly the amazing kids in our collective care. We will update you as and when there is a discernible change to circumstances.

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gareth Morris'.

Gareth Morris
Chief Executive Officer