

26th June 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

We hope you and your family are well.

We are writing to make you aware of some important updates regarding secondary schools and Coronavirus.

Government Announcements

Over the last week the Government have made a series of announcements regarding the easing of lockdown. Below we have summarised these:

1. Schools opening after the summer holidays

The government have announced their intention that after the summer holidays all students will return to school full time. This is a significant shift from their current position whereby only a few students can currently attend secondary schools. The Department for Education have said detailed guidance to implement this and to ensure students and staff are safe in schools will be released during the week beginning 29th June. As soon as we know more about this we will let you know.

2. Funding to support students

The government have announced that national funding will be provided to help students catch up due to the loss of direct teaching time since lock down. No details have currently been provided to schools regarding this, however we do know that school leaders will have discretion around how to best spend this, as we currently do with Pupil Premium funding. As such, once we have received the guidance, we will look to implement evidence-based approaches to use the money in the most effective way to benefit our students.

3. Free School Meals Vouchers over the Summer Holidays

It has been announced that the Free School Meal voucher scheme will continue over the Summer holidays.



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The Department for Education have confirmed this will be one voucher, covering the duration of the summer holidays. As such we are contacting the relevant families regarding supermarket voucher preferences. Once we receive the details on how to distribute the vouchers for this extended period of time, we will communicate this to the relevant families.

4. The relaxing of social distancing to 1M plus, where 2M cannot happen.

This change is due to the come into effect from the week beginning the 6th July. As this is the last week of term before the Summer holidays, we will not be altering any of our current arrangements in school for those students that can attend. As such we will continue to expect all students to observe the 2-metre social distancing rule.

Local Announcements

1. Start of next Academic year.

Due to the recent government announcements the City Mayor, Cllr Cutkelvin, Lead Member for Education and Martin Samuels, Director of Children Services for Leicester City Council have informed schools this week, that they have made the decision for all Leicester City schools to have 3 days (26th, 27th and 28th August) where the school will be closed to pupils. This therefore means that students will not return to school, after the Summer holidays, until **Tuesday 1st September** (after the bank holiday Monday). The local authority has decided that this delayed start will allow schools across the city to ensure safety measures are in place and to alter learning and curriculum plans to support children who will be returning to school.

2. End of term and summer holidays

The last day of term is Friday 10th July. Fullhurst will be open, to those pupils eligible to attend, for the whole day on Friday. After 3.05pm on Friday 10th July the school will be closed to all pupils for the duration of the Summer holidays. As such the weekly remote learning will stop being set at this point, although we will be providing pupils with some activities to complete during the Summer break.

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Over the last few weeks it has been a pleasure to welcome back our Year 10 pupils to the school and their work and attitude has been exemplary. Our vulnerable and key worker students have also continued to produce excellent work in school, something mirrored by the work we are seeing from students accessing our remote learning. Throughout all of this the support from our staff and yourselves has been phenomenal and is greatly appreciated.

It is important that this all continues until the end of term. As such please continue to keep accessing our remote learning, sharing the work students are doing at home and contacting the relevant members of staff if you have any queries.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming all students back to Fullhurst at the start of next academic year, which is now Tuesday 1st September. As we have mentioned in previous letters this will be done following all the national and local guidance, with the safety of students and staff being our top priority. As soon we know more details from the government, we will let you know.

Thank you for your continued support. We hope you and your family continue to remain safe and well.

Yours sincerely,

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