



Church of England School
Head of School: Mrs N J Adamson MA NPQH

20th March 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Closure of school and arrangements from 23rd March 2020

Firstly, I wish to thank you for your kindness and support during this difficult time. One thing that has been really apparent over the past few days is the community spirit that exists at Bishop Ramsey. So many students, staff and parents have gone 'above and beyond' to be accommodating and to help out. This is a worrying time for all of us and as such I have tried to address some of the main issues below.

Arrangements from Monday 23rd March

As of Monday we will be closed for most students for the foreseeable future and as such any events that were due to take place in the coming weeks have been cancelled (please see the exception of the Year 12 Parents Evening below). During this time work will be set on Show My Homework for your child to access. This will be set on a weekly basis and students should attempt to follow their normal timetable as much as possible. Also set will be an 'act of collective worship' task and some longer term project tasks which some students may want to engage in. Year 11 and Year 13 students will be set some subject tasks based on 'next steps' eg. some preparation for A Level or university subject work. During the official Easter holidays (6th – 17th April) subject work will not be set, but alternative tasks such as crosswords, quizzes etc will be available on Show My Homework.

During the period of closure there will be some office cover and so telephone queries can be taken during school hours. The main email address office@bishopramseyschool.org will also be monitored closely. Please do contact us if you have any queries.

Students in school from Monday 23rd March

Some students will be in school from Monday, including some students in receipt of an EHCP, those who are considered vulnerable and the children of some Key Workers. Thank you to all parents who have completed the Key Worker survey that was sent home yesterday evening. I would like to gently remind Key Worker parents that the service in school from Monday is for the care and supervision of students so that parents in key roles can attend work and it should only be used if students cannot be left unsupervised and if there is no other care available. It should not be regarded as an opportunity for students to socialise. Indeed, the government have directed us to avoid social contact as much as possible to help stop the spread of the virus, and we have a duty to do so.



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Students who are in school on Monday will be allowed to wear their own clothes and should report to the main reception for 8.40am. The school day will finish at the usual time of 3.15pm. Those students will be provided with the opportunity to complete the work on Show My Homework and the chapel will also be open. A limited catering service will be provided by our caterers, including one hot meal option, but students will require cash to purchase food. If your need for this service reduces or needs to be extended during the period of closure, please email office@bishopramseyschool.org.

ParentPay

We have been advised by ParentPay that they will be refunding any monies that are currently on students' cards by the end of today. With regards to trips, we are working hard to either obtain refunds or to rearrange dates and you will receive communications about this during the period of closure. I would ask for your patience with this whilst we try to navigate a very complex situation.

GCSE and A Level Students

We are still awaiting confirmation from the government about how these will be awarded. I will ensure that I pass this information on to you. Please ensure that you keep all of your son/daughter's work and check any communication about this going forwards; it is possible that further action might be required. We also intend to arrange events for the students in these year groups when we are able to reopen, either in the summer term or in September.

Place2Be and Careers Advice

The Place2Be will continue to run a service via telephone during the period of closure. All students who need to access this service have been contacted. Our Careers Advisor is also available during the period of closure and can be contacted on lprior@bishopramsey.school

Year 12 Parents Evening Thursday 26th March

We will attempt to run the Year 12 Parents Evening via telephone, with appointments being at the times you have booked. Mr Britton, Deputy Headteacher and Head of Sixth Form, will send a further communication about this early next week. It is important that the appointments are kept to five minutes to enable this to work effectively. Please therefore ensure that you focus on your son or daughter's progress and avoid queries about the school closure or the cancelling of this year's exam season.

Thank you in advance for your patience in the coming weeks. Please do contact us with any queries and I wish you the very best during this turbulent time.

Yours faithfully



Mrs N Adamson
Head of School