

Monday 20th April 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

We hope you have had an enjoyable Easter break, albeit in unusual circumstances. Although this is not the start to the Summer Term that any of us had envisaged, we would like to stress that we are still very much here for you and will do everything possible to support you during this challenging time. If you want to get in touch to share any concerns, please don't hesitate to do so via your child's House Leader in the first instance. Just as a reminder, their email addresses are as follows:

Fire: n.bailey@stb.academy

Earth: l.holloway@stb.academy

Water: l.sage@stb.academy

Air: r.stevenson@stb.academy

If your circumstances have changed since schools closed and you now fall into the government's school place eligibility criteria, please email us at covid19@stb.academy to make us aware of your requirements. Due to falling demand for school places, and due to the need to follow government guidelines of ensuring as many staff as possible stay at home, we made the decision before Easter, in accordance with the Local Authority's suggested course of action, that our students now attend our fellow Trust school, Clayton Hall Academy, should a place be required. Please rest assured that staff from Sir Thomas Boughey Academy attend with them, so our students do have a familiar face during their time there. The number of school places required for students of Sir Thomas Boughey will of course be under constant review and if it becomes necessary for us to re-open in the near future, then we will do so. We would like to thank you for your continued cooperation and for working with the school to support your child's education during these uncertain times.

We would also like to take this opportunity to clarify home study arrangements. As we have said in previous communications, we are all trying to work our way through the new arrangements and we need to do so according to our own individual circumstances, whilst also considering wellbeing. However, to ensure pupils continue to receive a quality education outside of school, the school is monitoring student engagement with remote learning, which has resulted in House Leaders contacting a number of families regarding a lack of work being completed, and this is something that will need to continue. Please remember, if you are contacted, that this is coming from a good place: we are trying to

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establish support that could be required to achieve a healthy approach to home study and do as much as we can within the current circumstances to protect the education of our students.

We are also trying to avoid being in the situation where pupils who do not access remote learning sessions will fall behind their peers and struggle with lesson content when regular school activity resumes. If it is the case that your son / daughter is struggling to access the material provided, please contact your House leader in the first instance. From the conversations we have had so far about an apparent lack of engagement with home learning, positive outcomes have been achieved and the necessary support provided, therefore please get in touch if you think we can be of assistance.

If completed regularly, it is highly unlikely that more than the usual number of school hours per student per week would be required to complete the work that is being set.

And so we continue to suggest that, where it fits with your own family's circumstances, all students work according to normal school hours, between 9am and 3.30pm. Outside of these hours we would strongly suggest that students avoid looking at work schedules or homework requests, and certainly should have absolutely no sense of an obligation to respond to them at such times. If your student is not managing to complete their work within these times, then do contact us for further suggestions and support.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank you once again for your ongoing support while the school is temporarily closed.

Take care and please stay safe.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Jane Hingley

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