

17th March 2020

Dear Families,

We have been following government advice regarding Covid-19 in order to ensure our scholars, staff and families are not put an undue risk. Over the last few days there has been an increase in number of scholars and staff who have had to self-isolate and therefore this has created an issue with staffing capacity in school. There have been no confirmed cases at Dixons McMillan Academy and we are determined to stay open for as long as possible, whilst always following the advice of government and health authorities.

Given the recent change on advice to self-isolate for 14 days if you or a member of your household have a persistent cough or high temperature, I have had to make the difficult decision to move to a partial closure starting on Wednesday 18th March 2020. This will mean that any scholars who are in the Class of 2024 (Year 9) will be learning at home until further notice.

During the time of a partial closure, scholars will be sent work each morning to their school email address. The first one will be sent on Thursday 19th March 2020. We would like them to follow the usual academy day as much as possible.

- 08.00: Collective Learning: reading through 100% sheets and creating quizzes on different subjects
- 08.35: Period one: English (please see tasks the English team have set scholars)
- 09.30: Period two: Maths (please see the tasks the maths team have set scholars)
- 10.25: Break
- 10.45: Period three: Science (please see the tasks the science team have set scholars)
- 11.40: Period four: Spanish (please see the tasks the MFL team have set scholars)
- 12.35: DEAR: scholars should read for 40 minutes or be read to for 40 minutes
- 13.15: Lunch break
- 13.55: Period five: Humanities / Stretch (scholars should complete their Humanities tasks of work and Stretch)
- 14:50: Period six: Arts / Options (please see the tasks the Arts / Options team have set scholars)

We will also be making calls home to check scholars are safe and well and to keep in touch with you, our families.

If you are a key worker and are unable to make alternative arrangements for your child, then please contact Mrs Gaskin (SGaskin@dixonsma.com) and we can work together on a solution. If you have any concerns about your child, as always please email the Head of Year in the first instance.

I do fully appreciate this is far from ideal for families and scholars, but I hope you understand that this situation is beyond the control of the academy and the decision has not been an easy one to make.

Yours sincerely

W.J. Davies .

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