

1st June 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

We hope you are able to be enjoying the good weather and that half term allowed a much needed break.

Further to the government's announcement regarding the wider reopening of schools last week, we will be publishing details of face to face support for students in **years 10 and 12** from the 15th June 2020 in the forthcoming days. Please look out for this information if you have children in these year groups.

Please see the below links for the government's guidelines for further information:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/preparing-for-the-wider-opening-of-schools-from-1-june/planning-guide-for-secondary-schools>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/reopening-schools-and-other-educational-settings-from-1-june>

As we begin this new term and have had it confirmed that we will not see KS3 students in school this side of the summer, we have been looking at the best ways to support your child in KS3 whilst they continue to learn from home. We had a lot of feedback last term which has been very helpful in understanding the challenges that your children face as they continue to not be in school. As such, we have revised our system for this term.

For Year 7 and 8:

A booklet containing all of the work for this term has been created by staff so that everything is in one place. This has both on and offline tasks, so that children can work flexibly depending on access to the internet and to devices. This booklet will be set on Go4Schools via your child's tutor group, and will be uploaded as a digital version to the school website if you would prefer to download it from there. All students will receive a printed version of this booklet later this week.

For Year 9:

Later this term, students in Y9 will receive a 'preparation for GCSE booklet', along with their confirmed options subjects and some introductory lessons via Teams. As with Y7 & 8, all students will receive a printed version of their GCSE booklet, and will have access to a digital version via the website and Go4schools. Before this time, Year 9 will be set work for English, maths and science via Go4Schools as normal.

To support this learning, staff will also be:

- Checking in via email each week with students to see how they are getting on
- Available to contact via email for any problems or feedback
- Where possible, some staff will be available providing lessons or questions via Teams or via recorded PowerPoints, although this is dependent on staff personal circumstances during this time
- The availability of extra resources, which can be picked up in the main school reception on a Monday or Thursday morning, between 10am-12pm each week. This table will have paper (both lined and squared), pens, pencils, highlighters and DEAR reading books that children or yourselves can collect. Please adhere to social distancing guidelines. All resources will be stored and handled safely and hygienically for 72 hours after they have been out and available.



If you have any problems accessing stationary, reading books or other resources, please do contact Kirsty Berry kberry@montsaye.northants.sch.uk who will be more than happy to organise getting some sorted for your child.

Montsaye Academy reopened to vulnerable children and those of critical workers today. To enable smooth running of this provision, **if you have been identified as eligible and need to send in your child(ren), please notify us of your requirements in advance** (to Mrs Campbell at mcampbell@montsaye.northants.sch.uk) so that a place can be secured for you.

We would like to take this opportunity to reiterate how impressed we are with how students and staff have adapted to remote learning. If you have any concerns regarding your child(ren)'s school work, please feel free to contact their tutors or progress leaders with any queries – email addresses are available on the website under Contact Us/Key Contacts. Thank you, too, for your support and endeavours as we continue to navigate through this unique and interesting time.

We hope that you and your families are safe and well.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Meena Gabbi
Principal

Mrs Ann Davey
CEO of Pathfinder Schools Trust

Angela Lloyd
Montsaye Chair of Governors