12th May, 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

We hope you are well and enjoying the fine British weather.

I write to share our current thoughts and plans in relation to the Prime Minister’s announcement and the associated subsequent Government guidance.

I am sure you will agree that the live, online teaching, which has been taking place for all students since 23rd March (when schools were closed) is exceptional practice and fulfils the expectation of providing a first-class teaching and learning experience during this crisis. This is a rare position compared to the majority of schools and I thank the staff for their wonderful efforts as key workers.

As a school, we are in a challenging position due to the significant number of students who travel to us by public transport. We are in consultation with these providers and the Local Authority to ensure our students are as safe as possible. A well-being survey has been sent home. Please help your child to complete, this will allow us to prepare for and reassure each individual child.

We believe that the Government’s desire to ensure that all students are accessing education is a pertinent point. Therefore, we are adapting the approach to our provision from 1st June 2020 so as any student who is not fully participating in the live lessons or submitting the relevant work to a good standard will be required to attend school as all our students are classed as vulnerable. This will be a supportive measure to ensure that any gaps in their learning are closed and reduce any disadvantage they will experience to their studies. Tutors will be in touch to discuss this with individual students and their parents.

As you know, Intuition has been open throughout the period of school closure for some of our vulnerable students and children of key workers where there is no alternative arrangement. This provision will continue on the same basis so please contact us with the days required.

Equally, if you are key workers (see linked document below) and require your son/daughter to attend school, please email support@diamond-families.org.uk by Wednesday 20th May, including your job title, line manager details and the days and hours of provision required.

**You should not send your child to school if you or anyone in your household is displaying symptoms of coronavirus or indeed is self-isolating. If this is the case, please inform school immediately. The government has announced that once schools are open again (currently from 1st June for key students), staff and students in all settings will be eligible for testing if they become ill with coronavirus symptoms, as will members of their household. This will enable children and young people to return to education, and their parents or carers to get back to work, if the test proves to be negative. A positive test will ensure rapid action to protect all the children and staff.**

**As you know, our first priority is the health and safety of the students and staff. To achieve this, we have developed a revised risk assessment for anyone attending the school setting. The series of measures are what we promise to deliver in school and, if sending your son/daughter to school, you promise to adhere to your part in the fight against this awful disease and keep the community safe.**

The risk assessment includes:

• a maximum group size in each classroom of 3 to ensure appropriate social distancing.

• students will be allocated an individual desk to work at in order to minimise the sharing of space or equipment.

• all students are expected to provide their own stationery and equipment to complete the work set by their teachers including headphones, please let us know at the earliest possibility if you will need support in providing these.

 • students are expected to complete the work set by their teachers and submit it in accordance with the teacher’s instructions.

 • students are welcome to bring a packed lunch or pre book with the office a lunch to be provided

• break times and lunchtimes will be staggered to avoid students gathering together.

• a ‘one-way’ system will be in operation

 • in line with Government guidance, we ask that face masks are not worn in school but may be worn on public transport.

• good hygiene will be reinforced throughout the day and across the school

. • cleaning will take place throughout the day and at the end of every day.

If your child or anyone in your household is classed as extremely vulnerable, please contact school to discuss how we can support you.

**Kindest regards**

**Emma & Melanie**

**Intuition Principals**

 **Useful government website links are as follows:**

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-implementing-protective-measures-in-educationand-childcare-settings

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-educational-and-childcare-settings-to-prepare-for-wideropening-from-1-june-2020/actions-for-education-and-childcare-settings-to-prepare-for-wider-opening-from-1-june2020

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-implementing-protective-measures-in-educationand-childcare-settings/coronavirus-covid-19-implementing-protective-measures-in-education-and-childcare-settings

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-on-shielding-and-protecting-extremely-vulnerable-personsfrom-covid-19/covid-19-guidance-on-protecting-people-most-likely-to-get-unwell-from-coronavirus-shielding-youngpeoples-version

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-on-shielding-and-protecting-extremely-vulnerable-personsfrom-covid-19

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/our-plan-to-rebuild-the-uk-governments-covid-19-recovery-strategy

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-outbreak-faqs-what-you-can-and-cant-do/coronavirusoutbreak-faqs-what-you-can-and-cant-do

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers

https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-getting-tested

\*Vulnerable child definition:

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-on-vulnerable-children-and-youngpeople/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-on-vulnerable-children-and-young-people