

24 March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

I write to provide a quick update on the current position with our schools and provision.

From Wednesday 25th March (tomorrow), we will have the following schools open for those children whose parents are critical workers and those children who may be vulnerable:

- Carleton High School (for pupils of The King's School and Carleton High).
- Halfpenny Lane Junior, Infant and Nursery School (for pupils of Larks Hill Junior and Infant School, Carleton Park Junior and Infant School, Orchard Head Junior, Infant and Nursery School, and Halfpenny Lane).
- De Lacy Primary School (for pupils of The Rookeries Junior, Infant and Nursery School, and De Lacy).

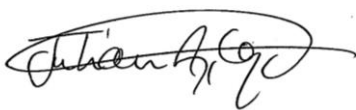
Note the only change from yesterday is the closure of Orchard Head Junior, Infant and Nursery School. Parents of Orchard Head pupils that have attended the school have been informed of this by Joe Mitchell, Head of School.

The support from parents and carers has been very much appreciated in following the Government advice. This has enabled the consolidation of schools and we currently have around 40 pupils from schools across the Trust, meaning that our staffing levels and rotas are such that pupils' safety is not compromised, and that staff are able to stay safe with their families. As you are aware, the online resources and work packs have been made available throughout all of our schools.

We have worked to obtain vouchers for all those children who receive free school meals. It is planned to email these vouchers by Thursday. In the meantime, grab-bags will continue to be provided tomorrow at Carleton High, Halfpenny Lane and De Lacy.

For parents and carers of pupils in Years 6 and 11, all staff fully understand that there may be concerns about the status of the public examinations and how grades will be awarded. The Government has explained that they will be asking examining bodies to work closely with schools to determine grades that fairly reflect pupils' effort and learning to date. We have yet to receive confirmation of exactly how these grades will be calculated. Please be assured that our objective across the Trust is to ensure that all of our pupils receive the grades that they deserve. I would signpost Year 11 parents and carers to a letter from Mrs Jo Cross and Mr Dominic Pinto, respective Heads of School at Carleton High School and The King's School, that is due to be communicated tomorrow.

Yours faithfully,



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