

18th January 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you are safe and well at this time. I am writing an update on the current situation at EBN Academy.

Provision for Students:

We are currently ensuring that all students classed as vulnerable or those whose have parents/carers as critical workers have onsite provision on a daily basis. If you think that your child falls into one of these categories and you would like to access provision, please contact the school directly. In addition to this we are now offering 1 day onsite per week for as many students as possible. We have had to prioritise this offer to identified groups of students. If you have not yet been spoken to about this, we will be contacting you to discuss the matter this week. Where students are coming onsite, they are expected to wear full uniform, follow all normal systems and routines and meet the normal behaviour expectations. The normal behaviour systems continue to apply.

We have been delighted with the engagement of students in the live online lesson we have been providing. There have been many successes with students accessing lesson and completing work set. Please ensure that your child keeps all the work they have completed so that they can bring it into school and give it to their teachers when they next attend onsite. Copies of the timetables can be found in the COVID-19 section of our website. If your child is not accessing the lessons, either due to technical difficulties or a lack of suitable device, please contact us at the school and we will support you as best we can.

Hard copy work packs for this week were delivered/sent out at the end of last week. This work runs alongside the online lessons and should be completed over this week. Teachers will speak with students as part of the online lessons in terms of how to complete work. If your child is unsure of how to complete work, then they can also contact staff using the email addresses at the end of this letter. Other online resources can be accessed via our website using the following link <http://ebnacademy2.co.uk/links>

Safe and Well Checks:

We will continue to maintain regular contact with you and your child on a weekly basis to offer any support we can. If you have any concerns or need support in accessing online learning please raise this during this contact.

Free School Meals:

Provision for FSM continues during this period of closure. Our understanding of this is that FSM vouchers are provided to the students "home school". If you are entitled to FSM but have not yet received any communication about vouchers, then please contact your child's "home school" directly. If you continue to experience issues after this then please let a member of staff at EBN Academy know and we will support you in accessing them.

Year 11 GCSE's:

With regards to how GCSE grades will be awarded we currently have no information from the government but will share this as soon as we have it. Engaging in the online learning and completing work we have sent home will help us to gather evidence as to what grades students may achieve so it is vital they engage with it. We want to have as much evidence of their ability as we possibly can to ensure you child achieves the grades they are capable of.

COVID Health and Safety measures:

As we have students attending onsite it is important to remind everyone of the measures they need to take to stay safe inside and outside of school. A system of controls is in place at the Academy and it is vital that students adhere to the rules in place.

Controls include:

1. **Social Distancing** - social distancing requires all members of the school community to maintain a safe distance (minimum 2 metres) from others at all times. Where this is not possible face-to face contact with others must be avoided and the time spent within close proximity (1 metre) to another person must be limited.
2. **Face Coverings** - face coverings **MUST** be worn, correctly, in communal areas of the Academy including corridors, reception areas, the Bailey room, social space and other areas where social distancing cannot be easily maintained. Staff/students are not required to wear face-coverings in classrooms however they may wear them if they wish to.
3. **Maintaining good hand and respiratory hygiene** - hand sanitisers are provided on all classrooms, communal spaces and office space. Students must ensure they sanitise/wash their hands frequently and at the end of every lesson. Respiratory hygiene should be maintained using the "Catch it, Bin it, Kill it " approach.
4. **Symptoms** – If your child, or anyone in your household, displays any of the main symptoms of COVID-19 they **MUST NOT** attend school. The main symptoms are a high temperature, a new continuous cough or a loss/change in your sense of taste or smell. If your child or a member your household have any of these symptoms you must stay at home, self-isolate and book a COVID test. If you have a COVID test booked for your child **you must inform us of the result immediately**, and we will advise you on the next steps based on the test result.

It is absolutely vital for everyone's safety, and the ongoing operation of the Academies, that these rules are followed. Failure to do so could result in unnecessary risk to others and to the functioning of the school. If students do not follow these rules, and the normal Academy expectations, we may not be able to have them onsite. If you have any questions relating to this then please get in contact with the Academy.

I hope this provides a useful update for you. Please do not hesitate to contact the Academy if you have any questions or concerns and thank for your ongoing support at this time.

Yours sincerely



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Online Learning Requirements

All pupils accessing online lessons MUST:

- Communicate in groups – one-to-one sessions are not permitted.
- Wear suitable clothing – this includes others in their household.
- Be situated in a suitable ‘public’ living area within the home with an appropriate background – ‘private’ living areas within the home, such as bedrooms, are not permitted during video communication.
- Use appropriate language – this includes others in their household.
- Maintain the standard of behaviour expected in school.
- Use the necessary equipment and computer programs as intended.
- Not record, store, or distribute video material without permission.
- Ensure they have a stable connection to avoid disruption to lessons.
- Always remain aware that they are visible.