

20<sup>th</sup> April 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, may I extend my very best wishes to you all. You will all have been touched by the impact of the coronavirus; through your own illness, through the serious health concerns for or the death of a family member or friends, through the financial impact of the lockdown, and through the challenges of social isolation for your family. As a school community we share and feel deeply the loss and suffering of all of our members and will be looking to provide all the support that we can.

As this is my first communication this term, I would like to provide you with a summary and update of various aspects of our provision as a School.

### **1. Home learning**

For the majority of our students, Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April sees the return of their normal timetable for their home learning, following the two-week Easter break. I hope that you experienced the students engaging positively with our Easter programme. We will re-send our communication, which provides all the details needed for the home learning. Of course, the home learning cannot replace the rich learning experience of 'live' lessons with subject experts. We are, however, continually reviewing our approach to home learning and making improvements all of the time. In addition, we will be carrying out detailed assessments of all of the students in all of their subjects this term. These assessments will allow us to clearly see where there are gaps in the knowledge acquired, which in turn we will look to address through the home learning and when the students return to school.

A reminder that you can use the contacts below if you have any problems engaging with the home learning.

Year 7, Mr Royal [royalm@cfbs.islington.sch.uk](mailto:royalm@cfbs.islington.sch.uk)

Year 8, Mr Stevens [stevensl@cfbs.islington.sch.uk](mailto:stevensl@cfbs.islington.sch.uk)

Year 9, Mr Samuel [samuelw@cfbs.islington.sch.uk](mailto:samuelw@cfbs.islington.sch.uk)

Year 10 and Year 11, Mr Dilley [dilleym@cfbs.islington.sch.uk](mailto:dilleym@cfbs.islington.sch.uk)

Year 12 and Year 13, Mr Barker [barkerc@cfbs.islington.sch.uk](mailto:barkerc@cfbs.islington.sch.uk)

### **2. Contact from the School**

Our pastoral team have been in contact with many students and their families over the last few weeks. Our aim is to speak via telephone to every student and parent at least once a week from this point forward. The purpose of the call is to consider progress with home learning and any other matters that the School can support with. Perhaps most importantly the School wants to ensure that we maintain contact with the students. At the heart of our work as a school is the attachment we develop with the

students. We will do all we can to maintain that attachment as best we can over the period of the school's closure. If you miss a call, we will continue to try to make contact, so you can simply wait for us to contact you again.

### **3. Year 10, 11 and 13 exams**

With examinations cancelled for GCSE, A level and vocational qualifications, we have now received the official guidance from the Department for Education and Ofqual, the government's exam regulator, on how grades will be allocated to students. We will finalise this week the process that the teachers and the School will go through to allocate the assessed grade that we will need to provide to the exam boards. Once the process is finalised I will write to all Year 10, 11 and 13 students, and their parents on this matter.

### **4. School meals**

The School has been providing vouchers for all students who received free school meals which can be used at Sainsbury's, Tesco, Morrison's or Asda. If there are any issues with these vouchers, please use the contact below:-

[fsm@cfbs.islington.sch.uk](mailto:fsm@cfbs.islington.sch.uk)

### **5. School provision for the children of key workers**

This provision will continue running at the school. If you are a Key Worker and would like your son to attend the provision, please get in touch with the School using the contact details below. This provision involves a small number of students and staff and there are very clear routines to ensure social distancing to make the provision as safe as possible.

Tel: 02072533741

Email: [info@cfbs.islington.sch.uk](mailto:info@cfbs.islington.sch.uk)

### **6. Return to School**

Not surprisingly, there are lots of comments within the media about when schools will re-open. As of yet, we have no official information on this. We will, however, set up a school team this week to work on this. The team will focus on such matters as how our routines would be changed to ensure social distancing and the changes we would make to the curriculum and teaching to ensure that all students catch-up on their learning.

### **7. Pastoral support**

As a School we want to provide all the support that we can for our students and families. If there are any issues whatsoever that you believe we can help with, please make contact with us using the contacts details set out below. It may be that the support can be provided through each Year's Director of Learning. We are, however, also able to offer counselling services remotely and to facilitate referrals



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to other agencies, including Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services. I would encourage you to make contact if you consider that we can provide support in any way.

School office can be contacted on:

Tel: 02072533741

Email: [info@cfbs.islington.sch.uk](mailto:info@cfbs.islington.sch.uk)

### **Directors of Learning can be contacted on:**

Year 7 – Mr Tong [tongg@cfbs.islington.sch.uk](mailto:tongg@cfbs.islington.sch.uk)  
Year 8 – Mr Colver [colverj@cfbs.islington.sch.uk](mailto:colverj@cfbs.islington.sch.uk)  
Year 9 – Mr Cluitt [cluittc@cfbs.islington.sch.uk](mailto:cluittc@cfbs.islington.sch.uk)  
Year 10 – Mr Couch [couchm@cfbs.islington.sch.uk](mailto:couchm@cfbs.islington.sch.uk)  
Year 11 – Mr Russell [russellt@cfbs.islington.sch.uk](mailto:russellt@cfbs.islington.sch.uk)  
Year 12 – Ms Patel [patels@cfbs.islington.sch.uk](mailto:patels@cfbs.islington.sch.uk)  
Year 13 – Ms Njedjet [nedjdetm@cfbs.islington.sch.uk](mailto:njedjetm@cfbs.islington.sch.uk)

### **Designated Safeguarding Lead:**

Mr Costello, Deputy Head [costellot@cfbs.islington.sch.uk](mailto:costellot@cfbs.islington.sch.uk)

Finally, I would like to thank you all for your support at this time. I want to reassure you that we are focussed on doing all we can to ensure the academic progression of the students and to provide them with the care and support that they need.

Yours faithfully,

Jamie Brownhill  
Headteacher