

22 March 2020

Dear families,

It feels very strange to be writing to you in this way today, on the eve of what will be a very different 'school' day for everyone tomorrow. Most of our students will be at home with families accessing the work set by teachers and most of our teachers will also be at home, balancing setting work for our students, whilst looking after their own families.

This period will be a learning curve for us all as we find new ways of working and communicating. Teaching staff will provide individual or group feedback to classes using Show My Homework (SMHW) and we will regularly review how things are working over the coming days, weeks and quite possibly months. A copy of the Remote Home Learning Guidance we sent out last week can be seen by clicking [here](#). This can also be found on the homepage of our school website: www.themisbourne.co.uk under Announcements.

The majority of our support staff will also be working from home, coming into school on a rotation but only where absolutely necessary. If you need to call the school, there will be someone on reception from 8.00 am - 4.00 pm each weekday or you can use the usual admin@themisbourne.co.uk email address to get in touch.

We are keen to ensure that throughout this period we stay together as a community as best we can. We will continue to send out our **weekly Families Bulletin on a Friday** and have been working on some new sections with generic learning activities that your child can do to compliment what has been set on SMHW, as well as things that you can do as a family.

We will also be keeping our website news stories up to date as well as our popular Twitter feeds. If you have not done so already, please do follow my Twitter feed @MisbourneHead and the main Academy Twitter account @TheMisbourne. They really are a great way to keep up to date with what is happening at the school and celebrating our many successes.

The information below is for **families who are key workers and for our vulnerable children** who may require access to school from tomorrow:

Advice from the government is please 'only send your child to school if you have to, because your work is critical to our COVID-19 response. If you are able to keep your child at home you should', (Gavin Williamson, Education Secretary)

If you are eligible and require your child to come into school and have not already done so, please complete the Microsoft Form

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so that we can both confirm your child's place and ensure we have enough staff on site to safely cover the numbers attending.

School Transport

Buckinghamshire Council have provided the following information regarding school transport. Please contact them directly if you have any questions that are not covered here.

FAQs for parents <https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/community-and-safety/changes-to-our-services-due-coronavirus/school-transport-faqs-parents/>

Finally, after what was an emotional farewell on Thursday and Friday to our Year 11 and Year 13 students, we will now be working to unpick the governments statement on how grades will be calculated for examinations that were due to take place this summer. A separate letter will be sent to the families of all effected students on Monday and we will keep in touch with you all to offer our continued guidance and support over this unsettling period.

Thank you as ever, for your ongoing support. Stay safe and look after yourselves and your families and I very much hope that we will see you all again very soon.

Yours sincerely,



Ms Jo Meloni
Headteacher

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