

You asked us some really important questions, I am sure there will be many more but I hope the answers to the questions below help to provide reassurance at a challenging time for us all.

Will the school bus still be running?

We have audited the provision needed for keyworker provision, vulnerable and SEND students and have decided to continue running one of the Winsford buses however this will be a small bus based on the need we have identified. There will be no further charges to parents for this.

Will I have to pay for the bus if I am not using it?

Simple answer – no.

Will you be providing school lunches for children who attend school from Monday?

If the provision is based at MHS or another school this will be the case yes paid for in the usual way through cashless system (FSM as normal). They can of course bring a packed lunch.

Will children who attend school from Monday have to wear school uniform, what about phones, what equipment will they need?

Yes they should attend in uniform. Please also bring PE kit so that we have the option of daily physical activity sessions. We will allow you to use mobile phones during break times. Please bring a pencil case with the usual stationery, reading book and the resource packs we have sent to you.

When will you know what the provision for Monday looks like?

We are working around the clock to plan and prepare this. We will communicate directly with families to explain how this will work. Safeguarding around attendance will be absolutely key. Please be aware that the provision we put in place for Monday may well change by Easter as we put together a coordinated LA approach to support for families. We will communicate this with you.

My child was absent will they get their home learning pack?

We will post/deliver these, please be patient as we fulfil this service.

I don't have a computer?

Students can access most resources via phones/tablets. We have provided resource packs as well which students will bring home.

What if my child gets stuck on the work?

We are not going to be able to realistically provide individual feedback for every piece of work or answer every question. This is home learning, students will need to exercise some resilience and some creativity – accessing online support or if possible library support. Staff will be checking via show my homework. Please be aware however staff are looking after their own families, some (many) will still be at work supporting key workers/SEND/vulnerable children and they may also be unwell. Please do not contact teaching staff outside of 9am-3.15pm Monday-Friday and be patient when awaiting a response. Teaching staff will continue to be stretched over the coming months and more than ever we need your support and understanding during this period.

Can my child just turn up on Monday?

No – we will be offering places for provision, please do not send your child to school unless they have a place.

If my child is offered a place from Monday do I need to let you know if they are not going to attend?

Yes – please phone the normal absence line to let us know they will not be attending. This will help us safeguard your child/children. If you have been offered a place and your child does not attend we will contact you as we do now when there is non-attendance.

What about the plans for the new school uniform?

More information is going to be sent home regarding this, however we have taken the decision to defer the introduction to all students to Sept 2021. New intake will be expected to wear the new uniform and PE kit. Please do not ask me for information at this time as we need to prioritise communication around COVID-19 plans. All information will be released shortly with full implementation plan outlined.

As yet we have not had clarification on exams & keyworkers, tomorrow there is expected to be a detailed release of information from the DfE which we will communicate with you.

Thank you once again for your support and understanding.

Regards

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