

17th April 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

COVID-19 – Update of all Trusts School – Education Provision Going Forward

Welcome to the summer term! We hope and pray better times are to come.

Arrangements for Free School Meal vouchers are all now in place.

Our provision continued over Easter with our primaries acting as hub schools. All 3 schools are now open for the children of key workers and others who need a place, in line with government guidance/regulations, to minimise movement and social/physical contact.

Education Provision

Over the next few weeks of COVID-19 lockdown, we will be focusing on the accessibility and manageability of home learning for everyone and building in more interaction with teacher and teaching assistants to support and feedback. This will look different in primary and secondary. Letters will follow from our Headteachers giving more detail.

We are also investigating different options to support pupils who do not have access to IT at home. Unfortunately, there isn't a single answer that fits everyone, but we are on with it and conversations will follow.

Some parents are asking about examination grades for Year 6, Year 11 and Year 13 pupils. For Year 6, **SATs** have been cancelled and there are no further arrangements for this year. It seems likely that secondary schools will liaise with primaries about teacher assessments of whether pupils are at Age Related Expectations for Reading, Writing and Maths, and take it from there.

For GCSE and A-Level: the examination boards and Ofqual (the regulating body) will shortly be collecting data from schools about where students are in their learning by Easter 2020. They are **not** collecting predicted grades. The data will, we understand, be based on classwork, work in books, mock examinations and teachers' professional judgements. The boards will allocate grades in line with school data and **schools'** past performance. Blue Coat is a consistently high-achieving school which adds significant value – i.e. students on average make much better progress than students at many other schools. Therefore, our young people are as well placed as any. Please understand that teachers (and the school) are not allowed to share any grade information. We have to trust the process and all staff will do their utmost to be scrupulously fair, recognising all the progress pupils have made.

Easter Message: if you missed it, it can be found on the Trust's website: <https://cranmereducationtrust.com/news/> - it is a great message of hope and faith for the future.

Yours sincerely



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