

1st April 2020

The
COUNTY
HIGH SCHOOL
Leftwich



Dear Parent / Carer

Update on our provision during the two week Easter break (Monday 6th April – Friday 17th April)

We are able to continue to offer the emergency child care provision for the small number of children of key workers and vulnerable students, who cannot stay at home safely, over the Easter break. Government advice remains that if children can stay safely at home, they should, to limit the chance of the virus spreading. That is why the government has asked parents/carers to keep their children at home, wherever possible, and asked schools to remain open only for those children who absolutely need to attend. The fewer children making the journey to school, and the fewer children in educational settings, the lower the risk that the virus can spread and infect vulnerable individuals in wider society.

To help with our planning, please email admin@leftwichhigh.com, if they/you fulfil the following criteria and you need to send your child to school during the Easter break:

- you are a critical worker (as per the definition in the link below)
- they are a vulnerable child (supported by social care, those with safeguarding and welfare needs, including Child in Need plans, on Child Protection plans, Looked After children, young carers, disabled children and those with education, health and care (EHC) plans).

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

For these students, we will be open from 08:00-16:30. Activities will be provided from 08:45-15:20 with appropriate breaks. We are unable to offer a formal education provision, however, we will ensure appropriate supervision.



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At present, we are not planning to open on Good Friday (10th April) or Easter Monday (13th April), however, please contact admin@leftwichhigh.com if you need to use the emergency child care provision on these dates and we will facilitate this.

In terms of support for home learning, this will reduce during the Easter break. My teachers and support staff need to rest, recharge and refocus after what has been a very challenging period. I would, though, encourage students to try to maintain a routine and continue to access the general resources, where possible. For those students who have been receiving regular support from members of the Pastoral Support Team, whilst this will also be reduced during the Easter break, students are encouraged to continue to seek any support they may need from the many organisations signposted on our dedicated Coronavirus Guidance and Support webpage on our website www.leftwichhigh.com.

Parents/carers of students in receipt of Free School Meals should now have received, via email, an ASDA voucher, which the school has purchased. In the coming days, these parents/carers will also receive vouchers through the Government back scheme.

Finally, I am aware that the Government are planning to release information regarding the awarding of GCSE grades today. I will provide a response to this once we have considered the guidance carefully. Please be patient with us whilst we give this very important matter the required amount of consideration.

Please continue to look yourselves and each other,

Mr Snelson

Principal