



2 July 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

Update: Thursday 2 July 2020

I hope that all is well with you and your families.

I am aware that many of you will have questions about September; we expect to receive guidance today from the government about how to implement the full re-opening of the school in September. I will, of course, update you with detailed information as soon as this is available. In the meantime, I would like to provide you with the following updates.

Face to Face

We have been delighted to see so many Year 10 and Year 12 students attending lessons and/or tutorials over the last few weeks and equally pleased to be seeing a number of our Year 7, 8 and 9 students for face to face meetings, where support has been needed. These will continue until the end of term. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you feel that your child needs a face to face meeting and we will do our best to accommodate this, or if they would like to join lessons.

Year 12 Students

Mr Redman will be running a Teams session on Post 18 Options for Year 12 students on Friday 3rd July at 1.00pm. This will cover apprenticeships, universities, finding the right courses, open days and personal statements. Please encourage students to log in to access this really important information.

Critical Workers and Vulnerable Students

We continue to provide on-site provision for our critical workers and vulnerable students; this group has grown considerably recently, and we are reaching our maximum capacity. In order for you to be able to plan effectively I need to inform you that we received confirmation yesterday that schools are not being asked to remain open over the summer holiday for this group.

Year 11 and 13

A-Level and GCSE results' days are quickly approaching, and I would have liked to be able to provide you with detail about the collection of results on 13th August for A-levels and 20th August for GCSEs. Again, we are waiting for guidance on this. As soon as we know more, I will write to you with this information. We are keen that students do not miss out on another experience so please do not be concerned. We have a number of options planned and will make sure that all students have the opportunity to come into school to collect their results. We recently made contact to discuss Post-16 and 18 options; if further support is needed for post-16/18 advice and guidance then please do not hesitate to contact us.

For those students that have studied a BTEC subject, the exam board has created a [message to BTEC students](#) who are due a calculated result this summer to help explain how the process will work.

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Free School Meals

You may be aware that the government announced that the vouchers available for those entitled to free school meals will continue through the summer holiday. We will make sure that the system is set up so that you receive the voucher for the summer period by the end of term using the same system that is currently being used.

Equipment

As we look forward to September one of the things we do know is that students should not share equipment. We will have some supplies in school, but as you might imagine we will not be able to clean basic equipment between lessons, so I have included an updated equipment list that would usually be published in the student planners. Please make every effort to provide your child with these items when they return in September.

Equipment List

Your pencil case should contain the following:

- At least 2 black pens and 1 green pen
- An HB pencil
- A 30cm ruler
- A rubber
- A pencil sharpener
- Colouring pencils
- A highlighter pen(s)
- A calculator (recommend Casio scientific calculator FX-83GTX)
- A glue stick
- Round end scissors

It would also be helpful if you had an English and a French dictionary.

Well-being & Community

'A Life in Lockdown' exhibition: your memories of Covid-19 in Gloucestershire

The Museum of Gloucester is inviting everyone in Gloucestershire to capture their memories for an exhibition titled 'A Life in Lockdown'!

The Museum of Gloucester wants to capture and create both a printed record and a digital collection of these memories and is hoping to display as many as possible in an exhibition at the museum in Autumn 2020, as well as producing a permanent record of this period in their digital collection. As well as getting the chance to have their submission(s) in the exhibition and as part of the collection, there will also be a small competition for children and young adults and an overall 'People Choice' award. Everyone is being asked to submit up to five images and/or a video taken during the lockdown period from 20 March 2020 for consideration.

Submissions are open until 31 July 2020. Full details and terms and conditions on how to enter are on the museum website and their social media.

<https://www.gloucester.gov.uk/museum-of-gloucester/latest-news/a-life-in-lockdown-exhibition/>



'Tic+Chat is for young people aged between nine and 21 years old who need someone to talk to and went live this week. It is funded by the county council and is commissioned jointly with Gloucestershire Clinical Commissioning Group for the next 12 months.

tic+chat

This is a challenging time for everyone. We've all experienced sudden changes in our routines and are living with uncertainty. For some young people, the pandemic may also worsen or trigger anxieties they were already struggling with.

We want to let them know they are not alone and make sure they can access the support they need. They can speak to the friendly Tic+Chat team about anything which is troubling them. No problem is too big or too small – the team won't judge.

No appointment is necessary, and the service can be accessed by calling 0300 303 8080, or via online text chat at the Tic+ website: <https://ticplus.org.uk/> between the hours of 5pm-9pm Sunday to Thursday.'



'The Our Safety Centre hub is designed to provide you with information and advice that is easy to access and simple to understand. There is a section on "your first phone" and various safety settings looking at popular social media

apps that young people may be using. Use the short videos and step-by-step prompt cards to ensure you have a safer online experience.'

Access at: <http://oursafetycentre.co.uk/>



See, Hear, Respond

A new service provided across England for children, young people, parents and carers who are experiencing crisis due to Covid-19.

A new support hub and referral link is now available.

If you are worried about a child or young person experiencing harm and increased adversity or are looking for advice and help, visit www.barnardos.org.uk/see-hear-respond

Or call **0800 157 7015** to speak to one of our Barnardo's project workers.

We operate between:
**Monday – Friday 9am – 9pm and
Saturday and Sunday 10am – 6pm**



Once again, I would like to thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours faithfully

Kay Young
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