

4th April 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

RE: School Closure Update – 4th April 2020

As we approach the end of the second week of remote working, we have once again been impressed by the commitment, dedication and determination of our students. We have been delighted to see lots of excellent work this week and are pleased at how the majority of students have taken these challenging circumstances in their stride. You should have by now received a copy of the Academy's newsletter and we hope you have enjoyed seeing examples of work that students have completed.

Provision Update

As you will be aware, we made the decision to close the Academy entirely last week, including the provision for vulnerable students and the children of key workers, as there was no take up for this provision. This remains the case and will be until the situation changes.

Also, we have now reached the end of the Spring term. With this in mind, we want to allow our staff and students time to rest and recover over the Easter holiday from what has been a very stressful time for all. Teachers will not be setting work during this time nor will be readily available to respond to queries; however, the Academy is still contactable using the details below.

Free School Meals Update

You may have seen in the media that the Government has now established a national voucher scheme for students in receipt of Free School Meals. This scheme will go 'live' after the Easter holiday. Eligible parents will receive an eVoucher via email for the value of £15 per week to be spent at a local supermarket. Parents who do not have internet access should contact the finance team and arrange for the voucher to be printed and posted to the home address we have on record for your child. Over the Easter holiday, we will continue to provide reimbursements via BACS transfer. Please direct enquiries to finance@wmgacademy.org.uk.

Ongoing Communication

Please be reminded that if you need to contact the Academy throughout this period of closure, we recommend doing so by email to solihull.info@wmgacademy.org.uk. Telephone messages will still be routinely monitored, however you will receive a response far sooner via email communications. Please remember that any parental communications are also available on our website by clicking [here](#).

In the meantime, please stay safe and well and feel free to contact the Academy at any point should there be anything further we can do to support you.

Yours faithfully,



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