

Friday 20 March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing on behalf of all of our schools and children in the Arbib Education Trust. We are all dealing with a very challenging context and unprecedented times. It is our promise to you that we will do everything in our power to help you and your children through this.

We will keep you regularly informed and provide as meaningful an education for all children as we can. Generally, this will be age dependent and through an on-line experience and/or a home learning package through appropriate paper exercises. This will be until Friday 3rd April. We will re-assess the situation every day until that date and will inform you of our plans for the start of the summer term when we have more information.

We will also be opening our schools to all those key worker children and children identified as being vulnerable. We will be sending a survey to parents of The Langley Academy (TLA) and The Langley Academy Primary (TLAP) children to help us understand who is eligible to send their child and who will actually send their child to us. The Langley Heritage Primary (TLHP) as they have been open, have already done this through a different method. The arrangements will be as follows:

1. Parents complete the survey ASAP. (TLA and TLAP)
2. TLA will open on Monday 23 March.
3. The primary school building will not be open so that it can be used as a reserve school if for any reason we have to close either of the other two. TLA and TLAP will both use the secondary building.
4. Children who attend will all receive breakfast and lunch. Children of key workers will receive food free of charge but if you wish to provide your children with food of your choice then of course you are free to do so. We will try to meet specific allergen/dietary needs but may not be able to do so if there are supply challenges.
5. We will contact those parents with vulnerable children who cannot attend to see if there is an alternative method to support you. We will not contact key worker families who do not attend.
6. **Parents should not send their children to school if they are not eligible to attend.** This is very important as we are all trying to find a balance between stopping the spread of the virus by social distancing and creating capacity for our key workers to help fight the disease. Please support us with this.
7. All children eligible to attend should do so at the normal time. TLA will open at 8am and close at 2.50pm.
8. TLA students should wear uniform.
9. Each school will provide sufficient staff to ensure all children are safe and that they can experience as much of an education as possible. Understandably this will be difficult but the government's direction to us is that this provision is more about care than it is about education.
10. Cleaners will be in everyday after school as normal to help provide a clean and safe place.

Arrangements may change daily; your own situation may change daily and government advice may well also change daily so please be patient with us but we are only an email or phone call away if you need any questions answered.

The latest guidance can be found in this link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/schools-colleges-and-early-years-settings-to-close>

You will be hearing various messages about what will happen in the Easter Holidays, when we will return to school, what will happen to exams and tests and so on. We do not know the answers to these questions, we are all learning together every day. We need to support each other, be kind and be as calm as possible. I ask that you support us by following all of the guidelines about washing hands, self-isolation and social distancing.

In the mean time I wish you all well, be safe and take care.

Yours Sincerely



Rhodri Bryant

Executive Principal

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