



NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY  
SAMWORTH ACADEMY

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

I wish to send a big 'thank you' to you all for your patience and kindness during this strange period of time. We still do not know how long this school closure will last. With this in mind, we have taken the decision to streamline the timetable for all year groups. This will allow you to establish a strong routine at home also. As a mum to two children, I understand the pressures of attempting homework with children. Education has changed and it is likely that it is not the same as it was when you were at school. I just want to reassure you that it is ok if you don't know all of the answers. It is not for you to try to teach your child the content of every lesson. It is your child's job to attempt to complete the work themselves (as we would expect in a lesson) and then seek support from their teacher if they cannot do so. Our staff are deliberately setting tasks which rely on the children recalling prior knowledge so they should not be doing too much which is unfamiliar to them. The best thing you can do is make sure they have some structure. If this means you switch the timings of the day around to suit your family set up then that is absolutely fine. You have to make it work for you. School could potentially be closed for a long period of time. We do not want any child falling behind so it is really important that they are trying as hard as they can to keep up.

All of our work is now set on Microsoft 'Teams'. I have reattached the instructions on how to use this.

### **What if we do not have the ability to access the work?**

If you are struggling to access work online, please ring school on 0115 929 1492 or email on [contact@nusa.org.uk](mailto:contact@nusa.org.uk) We will then help to arrange work for your child.

### **Parents/carer/students who are classed as extremely vulnerable to Covid-19**

If you have a [medical condition which makes you extremely vulnerable to coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#), you can register and tell the Government whether or not you need support.

You may have received a letter from the NHS telling you that you're clinically extremely vulnerable, or been contacted by your GP or hospital clinician. If this has not happened, contact your GP or clinician after you register with this service.

It may take time for any support offered through this service to arrive. Wherever possible you should continue to rely on friends, family and wider support to help you meet your needs.

### **Free School Meals**

The Government announced earlier in the week that they would be rolling out a national voucher scheme for Free School Meals. This will now be worth £15 per child per week. The vouchers will be for the Co-op and will accepted at the Bracebridge store.

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Please note there is no provision for Free School Meals over the Easter period.

**If you have already applied for a food parcel, you will not need to apply again** and we will provide a food parcel each week to be collected from school between the hours of 12-1 each Monday until we reopen.

**If you have already applied for vouchers via our school website, you will not need to apply again** now and you will receive vouchers every fortnight (£30 per child) until we reopen.

**If you have not already applied for vouchers or a food parcel, you must do so via our website.** You will now need to only apply once but you must include your full name, your child's full name and your full postal address. You will then either be able to collect a food parcel from school each Monday between the hours of 12-1pm or you will receive vouchers in the post each fortnight.

I hope you all have a wonderful Easter holiday. Take care, stay safe and stay at home.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Emma Howard'.

Emma Howard  
Head of School