

Blessed George Napier Catholic School and Sixth Form

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20 March 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian

Coronavirus

As you are aware, school will close today for most students. The closure of schools is to limit the chance of the virus spreading, therefore children must not mix socially or return at any point to school. It is a strange situation that we find ourselves in, but we pray that we are all back together in our BGN school community as soon as is safely possible.

We have been asked by the government to provide care for a limited number of children whose parents are critical to the Covid-19 response and who cannot be safely cared for at home. Any child who can be cared for at home, should be. This will enable us to limit the number of people on-site, thus supporting the protection of both students and staff.

Care for children of Key Workers at BGN School

Students will be in school from 8.40 am until 3.20 pm, in normal full school uniform. They will be registered in the usual way.

In order to protect the safety of staff and students, there will be additional hygiene procedures in place and limited access to certain areas of school.

The day will be structured so children have the appropriate breaks. However, there will not be any taught lessons. Students will be expected to use the school VLE to access the lessons set by their teachers, as they would do if they were at home. We will also provide a space for them to work safely, whilst keeping their social distance.

The canteen will be open for the foreseeable future and food will be on sale to students in the usual manner. Buses will operate from Bicester but there may be alterations to the timetable and journey, depending on the number of students needing to use the reduced service and Grayline will inform you of this once any decisions have been taken. Students should be reminded that the BGN behaviour policy will still apply.

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The list of roles that the government has identified as critical to the COVID-19 response is attached. If you believe you fall into one of these categories and have confirmed with your employer that your specific role is necessary to the continuation of this public service, please email the following information to office.4600@bgn.oxon.sch.uk **BY 1 PM TODAY, 20 MARCH 2020.**

- Student name
- Form group
- Parent name
- Sector
- Job role
- Employer's name
- Employer's telephone number

Yours sincerely



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