

Parent Weekly Update - 5th June 2020

Following our inspections during half term, we were delighted to be able to welcome our Year 6 students back into school. We are now running two separate schools Keyworker and Year 6, and are also hoping, following further inspection, to open up our Year 10 school on 15th June.

It doesn't come without challenges, from preparing the site to staffing, I am very grateful to Etonbury's fantastic staff team and supportive whole ETA community which has made this possible.

ALL YEAR GROUPS

Risk Assessments - You will find our risks assessments for the opening of our schools on our website under Coronavirus (COVID-19) updates.

<https://www.etonbury.org.uk/page/?title=Coronavirus+%28COVID%2D19%29+updates&pid=110>

Absence procedure for Key Workers School and Year 6 - If your child is booked in to either school and we are expecting them, please email eta-absence@bestacademies.org.uk with Students Name, year group and a reason for absence. If you cannot email please leave a message at main reception and not the absence line.

The Student Council would like to share some links for charities supporting anti-racist movements in order to help and encourage more people to get involved with the revolution against racism.

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/georgefloyd> - George Floyd Memorial fund started by his brother

<https://uk.gofundme.com/f/rebuild-the-block-4-black-owned-small-businesses> - Raising money to rebuild black businesses which have been destroyed during protests

<https://www.joincampaignzero.org/> - Campaign fighting to change police violence

<https://www.blackvisionsmn.org/>- Black Visions Collective (generally supporting black people by leading campaigns)

<https://blacklivesmatters.carrd.co/> - a regularly updated bank of resources including donation sites, petition links, resources for education and other useful places to visit if people want to help out (including some UK centric resources and donation sites).

Key Worker School - As a school we are proud of the fact that we have remained open for the families of our key worker children throughout the pandemic. It has been an absolute pleasure to work with these students each day. As we move into this new phase of the government opening up more of the lockdown we have found that the requests to attend Key Worker School are growing each and every day.

Therefore could we ask that all parents adhere to a few of the following guidelines moving forward;

If you are continuing to work from home and following government guidance your child should also continue with home learning.

Places at key worker school are limited, therefore **please only book for the days you know you require** a place, as we adjust staffing ratios for the numbers of children who have been 'booked in' each day. That way we can ensure that we allow as many students as we can to access the provision.

PE - This week sees the introduction of our Etonbury virtual sports day. Students will be sent out a PowerPoint document via SMHW on Monday 1st June by their PE teacher.

The PPT contains all of the information for each of the events students may wish to participate in. This is not compulsory for students to complete, but we are encouraging all students to give this their best efforts. There are 10 events with videos which can be found here:

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1s5ccYt-SKim3SyG5D2R0fGghncUehixp>

Any questions in regards to the virtual sports day, please contact Mr Pullinger -

mpullinger@bestacademies.org.uk or Miss Hilton - shilton@bestacademies.org.uk. Updates will be posted on the Etonbury PE twitter @EtonburyPE. Pupils will need to record their results on the google form <https://forms.gle/MkT6oBx47nZkTSSLA>. **The deadline for all entries will be Friday 19th June.**

Year 6 PE - students returning to school on June 1st will be given opportunities to complete their sports day events in their PE sessions.

Lockers - For those of you who already have a locker, ILS our locker company will have been in touch with you to see if you would like to rebook. Year 6 students will be sent out a link soon to book their locker for next year.

Remote Learning - Thanks to all Parents/carers and students who completed the 'ETA Remote Learning Survey' please click on the link to find the feedback and our responses.

https://drive.google.com/open?id=1-j3rYVL6YO02EUWpOkcMvsB_3VCkuts7

Please click on this link for a summary of our current approach.

[**Remote Teaching and Learning at ETA**](#)

Uniform orders - If you are looking to place an order for uniform, Total Clothing are offering free delivery throughout June for orders over £50. As we have been unable to go ahead with the pop up shop for Year 6s looking to purchase their blazers, Total Clothing have provided you with a useful video on how to size these. Go to the uniform page on our website to view the uniform guide and videos. <https://www.etonbury.org.uk/page/?title=Uniform&pid=84>

Science Snippets for Students - Welcome to Science Snippets – we thought you might like a quick round-up of science news and trivia, to brighten your day and broaden your horizons. Click below for number 2.

www.etonbury.org.uk/site/data/files/parents%20area/letters%20home/5_Jun_Science_Snippets2_2020_.pdf

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Y6 Return to School - A huge thank you to all those parents and pupils who have made our first week back to school such a success. We're looking forward to many more of you joining us from next Monday. Just a quick reminder to ensure children are **dressed weather appropriate** as we do stay outside as much as possible during break and lunch time. When dropping off in the morning pupils must be dropped at the turning circle by the main gate NOT the Fox and Duck. This guarantees the staggered arrival times and prevents possible congregation of pupils before coming into school.

Home Learning - Please complete the questionnaire linked below, so we can make further improvements to our Home learning.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfZFp6qJDt0kD5k5ThrFGvDSrvYQAQ6-pvQYJ_2YaYJhvhOwgA/viewform?usp=sf_link

Any queries as always contact ETA-Primary@bestacademies.org.uk

UPPER YEARS

Year 9 - Having completed the GCSE options process and taking on board parent/carer and student feedback we recommend that Year 9 students now concentrate their home learning efforts on the core subjects as well as the subjects which they have selected to pursue.

Year 10 Face to Face Sessions - Thank you to everyone who has responded to our Year 10 face to face sessions email. We have had an overwhelmingly positive response from the year group. Currently we are in the process of planning these sessions and next week we shall email out more detail to those who responded to confirm their attendance. The focus of these sessions will be English, Maths and Science.

Year 10 students who are not able to attend school at this time, please do not worry. All the work will continue to be set on 'show my homework' and 'google classroom'. The work that is set for Year 10 students in these three subjects will be the same for both groups of students, those attending a face to face session at school and those who continue to study at home.

Hand gel - Secondary students (Yr 7 and above) coming into school are allowed to bring in their own pocket hand gel but please advise them not to share with other students. There will be hand sanitiser on site for all students to use.

GCSE PE students - Please fill out the google form in relation to your chosen practical PE subjects. Remember you will be given the opportunity to use rock climbing as one of your sports.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSesg_5pYbJb3ox1mDUvXjN-vwFiBze29gR3kmBIMRIaxkLgSA/viewform?usp=sf_link

The list of sports you can pick from are here on the Pearson website any questions please email Miss Vernon-Hamilton or Miss Prior.

<https://qualifications.pearson.com/content/dam/pdf/GCSE/Physical%20Education/2016/Specification%20and%20sample%20assessments/9781446933794-gcse016-l2-pe-ppac.pdf>

Year 11 Maths - We have continued to post materials for all the students who are planning to take A Level Mathematics in September, at the Google classrooms (11X1 Mr Vanner and 11Y1 Mr Scott). These will help them to prepare for and gain an introduction to A Level Mathematics.

Careers Guidance - Year 10 Post 16 options - [Go to the careers page on our website](#) where you can find out more about your post 16 options, and places of education local to Etonbury. 4YP provides careers, information, advice and guidance to young people across Central Bedfordshire. The newsletter is packed full of useful information about the post 16 options available to your child along with some useful links.

<https://www.etonbury.org.uk/page/?title=Careers&pid=100>

ETA Careers Newsletter - This is packed full of information, support and guidance for both students and parents. There are lots of links to different careers talks, self directed learning opportunities, boosting employability skills and much more.

<https://www.etonbury.org.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=682&type=pdf>

All Careers - From university and apprenticeships to work experience, Success at School's careers guide is packed full of advice to help you steer your child through the confusing world of career choices. Please click here to register for the free download 'Helping your child begin their career Journey'.

<https://mc.successatschool.org/parents-ebook>

Don't forget to send us your news #etahomeschool on our twitter page @EtonburyAcademy

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