



# CANSFIELD

ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE TOGETHER

26<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear parents, carers and students,

I hope you are all well and keeping safe and occupied during this strange time. I have a few updates that I wanted to share with you.

## **School work during the period of school closure**

From the conversations I have had with parents and students over the last few days it is clear that you have all been occupied by the initial work packs that were sent home. We have now launched an area of our website, which can be accessed by clicking the huge pink banner entitled 'Coronavirus: School Closure Planning' on the front page of the school website. In here you will find contact details for all teachers and work packs that should keep students busy for the next few months, if needed. Under the message from me there is a tab for each Year group, when clicked you will go into the Year group area, where on the left you will find a menu with work separated into each Faculty area. If you are accessing the school website from a mobile phone you will need to click the arrow on the left of the screen to drag the menu across. There is also a tab that contains material to support our students' wellbeing throughout this period. I aim to update the message every week or so with relevant news and we will also be adding material to this site and refining work set in light of feedback. If you are struggling to access this please email me and I can ring and talk you through the process. Likewise, if you do not have access to the internet please ring into school and we can arrange printed packs for you.

## **School opening for children of Key Workers and vulnerable students**

We are absolutely committed to keeping our school open through this period for children of Key Workers and vulnerable students, as requested by the Government. Not only are we open during the standard school day for those who need a place, but we are also able to offer care for your children, for free, during Easter, before and after standard school hours and, if needed, weekends. I asked for volunteers from our staff team and I had more than five times the number of staff volunteer to support me with this than we needed. We are prepared to provide this service for as many or as few students who need this and will do everything in our power to fulfil our duty as public servants and support our community in this way. Whether it is every day or just odd days when you are struggling to make alternative arrangements, please do not hesitate to contact me about this – we are proud to stand shoulder to shoulder with other Key Workers to keep our country functioning.

## **Year 11**

We are still awaiting confirmation from the Department for Education and Ofqual about how, exactly, grades will be awarded to Year 11s this year. As soon as I know anything I will get in touch with students and their families to outline the process. For now, rest assured that the Government

Headteacher: [Dr G Baker](#)

Cansfield, Old Road, Ashton-in-Makerfield, Wigan. WN4 9TP

Telephone: [01942 727391](tel:01942727391)

email: [enquiries@admin.cansfield.wigan.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@admin.cansfield.wigan.sch.uk) web: [www.cansfield.wigan.sch.uk](http://www.cansfield.wigan.sch.uk)

has made it clear that grades will be awarded at some point this summer and local colleges have pledged to do all they can to honour the places they have offered.

### **Free School Meals**

Over the last week we have operated a delivery service from the school for those who receive a Free School Meal, but cannot get into school. However, the Government has moved very fast to put in place a national approach with effect from Monday 30th March that will see every child entitled to a Free School Meal receiving an e-voucher. Presuming that this goes ahead as planned our delivery service will stop, though Free School Meals will continue to be provided for our students who are on site. This said, if anyone in our community is struggling to access basic provisions at any stage during the school closure I would ask that you contact me.

Needless to say, we are missing our students and cannot wait to see you all when things return back to normal. In the meantime please keep safe and email me if there is anything at all that we can support you with: [g.baker@cansfield.wigan.sch.uk](mailto:g.baker@cansfield.wigan.sch.uk).

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'GB', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Geoff Baker,  
Headteacher.