

Parents & Carers Distance Learning Information and Expectations

Students in School

Approximately 2% of the school's population will be in school over the next few weeks as they fit into one of the categories identified by the government.

The government's new key worker list scopes in many of the essential roles we need in society and has encouraged school to support parents with these roles by offering their children the opportunity to still attend school.

The school has already surveyed all our parents so we could start to prioritise those families. As you can imagine at this time, the school's capacity is reduced due to staffing levels and the clear direction from the government regarding social distancing and self-isolation for those people in the vulnerable groups.

We are therefore prioritising the students who are vulnerable, have an EHCP or have both parents as key workers at this time as we believe this is all we have the capacity to support and adhere to the government's advice. As our capacity changes we will keep parents updated.

The school can make every reasonable attempt to manage the risk but there is a high risk within school and we cannot facilitate any social distancing. If you are eligible and wish your child to attend you must accept the risk and be aware that we will test your child's temperature on arrival and in the event of any suspicion of fever or a persistent cough they will be refused entry.

We appreciate that the situation is unpredictable and circumstances within families will change which might result in you needing our support or access to school. In this event please contact the following staff:

Miss Driscoll jade.driscoll@baysgarthschool.co.uk
Mr Barton jim.barton@baysgarthschool.co.uk

Students Working from Home

This is a unique and challenging time for all of us, the likes of which have not been seen in this country since the second world war. Most of us have never experienced anything like this level of shutdown in our lives, with 98% of students at home for a period of three months or longer. For our children, it will be a period of high anxiety and stress. Our aim with this guidance is to give you as much information and support as possible so that you can support your children during the difficult weeks ahead.

The first thing to bear in mind as a parent is that it will take students far longer to complete work at home than it would if they were in a classroom. It is also a far more stressful experience. It is really important that children are not spending their days in front of a computer screen. Therefore, our expectations as a school are to set roughly half as much work for students to complete as they would be expected to do in a normal school week. Our expectations are set out below:

How much work is my child expected to do?

If your child is in Year 7 or 8 we will expect them to be completing the following as a minimum:

15 hours of directed learning per week. This will comprise of:

- 3 hours of English
- 3 hours of Maths
- 3 hours of Science
- 1 hour of History
- 1 hour of Geography
- 1 hour of DT
- 1 hour of PE
- 1 hour of Art
- 1 hour of French or German

Flipped Learning

All students have the Flipped Learning tasks to be completed at home and can continue to work on those ready to be brought in when the school re-opens. For a large number of students this is important as they are currently not on track to meet the graduation criteria in this area.

Reading

Students should be reading every day in order to support wellbeing and learning. A reading list will be provided.

If your child is in Year 9, 10 or 11 we will expect them to be completing the following as a minimum:

18 hours of directed learning per week. This will comprise of:

- 3 hours of English
- 3 hours of Maths
- 3 hours of Science
- 1.5 hours of Option 1
- 1.5 hours of Option 2
- 1.5 hours of Option 3
- 1.5 hours of Option 4

If you are in Year 11, there is also an expectation to complete revision. Staff have provided a huge number of resources to support students with their revision. In addition, there is a list of online resources to support revision listed at the end of this information sheet.

How will the work be accessed?

All students have a school email account. This is part of Google so, just like our own email addresses, can be accessed anywhere on the planet with an internet connection. This 'G Suite' as it is known, contains an app called Google Classroom, which students can access from their Google email account. For the vast majority of their classes, they will have a Google Classroom setup. From here, students can communicate with their teachers, access work that has been set and send in work that they have completed.

Only people with a Baysgarth school email account can access these resources, so parents will need to sit with their child/ren to look at this work and see how they can best support them to complete the activities set.

Students in Year 9, 10 & 11 are used to this way of working and will be very familiar with accessing their work. Students in Year 7 and 8 will need more support. To help, we have set all passwords the same so that accounts are easy to access:

Your child's email address is needed to access Google classroom. If they have forgotten theirs it is:

firstname.surname.yearofentry@baysgarthschool.co.uk

For example:

Joe.bloggs.19@baysgarthschool.co.uk if I was in Year 7

joe.bloggs.18@baysgarthschool.co.uk if I was in Year 8

The password is 'Baysgarth1' (case sensitive).

If any student has problems logging on and these cannot be solved by talking with friends and asking their advice, they can contact Mr Roberts via David.roberts@baysgarthschool.co.uk.

Does my child have to register each day?

Staff will be monitoring students' work and how they are progressing in their work. There is no requirement to register each day as their activity is being recorded remotely.

Does my child have to follow their timetable?

No, students can approach the work in a way that suits them. We have provided daily and weekly guidance to help you support your child get organised.

My child has completed all the tasks set, what should they do?

The first step is to contact their teacher to ask for more work. All teachers have been asked to respond to student queries within 24 hours. In addition, the government has committed to work with organisations such as the BBC to provide online learning resources for free, so look out for details of these. There are also links below to various learning websites and we will continue to publish details of other sites that are being made available for free whilst the crisis continues. Students should also be encouraged to learn new skills independently of school; for example, they could learn sign language.

My child is struggling and finding some of the work difficult?

Communicate with friends in the first instance to ask their advice. Then communicate with the teacher who will be happy to support.

I am worried about my child's mental health, what should I do?

This is a time when we will be tested and mental wellbeing will be impacted upon. Make sure you as a family use websites and support resources to include activities that promote wellbeing into your new routines. Make sure that positive family activities are encouraged as well as healthy eating and ensuring we get enough sleep. Use our website and help sheet for some ideas of where to find help.

Pastoral staff can also support and if you think you need their support then please contact the through the House team emails. The email addresses for the house teams are:

ancholme@baysgarthschool.co.uk
bardney@baysgarthschool.co.uk
newton@baysgarthschool.co.uk
treece@baysgarthschool.co.uk

If you require urgent communication with a member of staff in an emergency situation or if you feel that someone else is in an emergency situation, then please contact the following staff:

Miss Smith	katie.smith@baysgarthschool.co.uk
Miss Driscoll	jade.driscoll@baysgarthschool.co.uk
Mr Barton	jim.barton@baysgarthschool.co.uk
Mr Roberts	david.roberts@baysgarthschool.co.uk

There are also external organisations that can not only support your child but also the whole family in these unprecedented times:

Children's Services Duty	01724 296500 (out of hours 01724 296555)
HumberSide Police	101 or 999 in an emergency
Missing People Charity	116000
Childline	0800 1111
NSPCC	0808 800 5000 (adults who are concerned about a
child) www.nspcc.org.uk	
Samaritans	116123

Mental Health Support

Anxiety	UK 03444 775774 www.anxietyuk.org.uk
Papyrus	08000684141 www.papyrus-uk.org
CALM (aimed at men aged 15-35)	0800 585858 www.thecalmzone.net
SANE	0300 304 7000 www.sane.org.uk
Men's Health Forum	www.menshealthforum.org.uk
Mental Health Foundation	www.mentalhealth.org.uk
Mind	0300 123 3393 www.mind.org.uk
No Panic	08449674848 www.nopanic.org.uk
Young Minds - Parent helpline	0808 8025544 www.youngminds.org.uk
Time to Change	https://www.time-to-change.org.uk
Lifestyle central	https://www.life-central.org (there is an APP to download)
Education Support	08000 562561 https://www.educationsupport.org.uk/

Domestic Abuse Support

Refuge	0808 2000 247 www.refuge.org.uk
Blue Door	www.bluedoor.org.uk

Addiction Support

Alcoholics anonymous	0800 917 7650 www.alcoholics-anonymous.org.uk
National gambling helpline	0808 8020 133 www.begambleaware.org
Narcotics Anonymous	0300 9991212 www.ukna.org

Bereavement

Cruse	0800 808 1677 www.cruse.org.uk
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Parenting

Family Lives

08088002222 www.familylives.org.uk

There is also support available at your local Children's centre for a range of issues. They also have localised networks of support that you can access

Relationships

Relate

www.relate.org.uk

Distance Learning Resources

MathsWatch

Is an online platform that allows students to access videos, questions, receive feedback, learn independently and access printable worksheets. Questions will be set by the Maths Department.
<https://vle.mathswatch.co.uk/vle/>

SENECA Learning

Suitable for Maths, English, Science, History, Geography and German. Lots of free resources and tests. Students can set up an account for free and work their way through exam content and questions.
<https://www.senecalearning.com/>

BBC Learning

This site is old and no longer updated and yet there's so much still available, from language learning to BBC Bitesize for revision. No TV licence required except for content on BBC iPlayer.
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/learning/coursesearch/>

Khan Academy

Especially good for Maths and Computing for all ages but other subjects at Secondary level. Note this uses the U.S. grade system but it's mostly common material.
<https://www.khanacademy.org/>

Futurelearn

Free to access 100s of courses, only pay to upgrade if you need a certificate in your name (own account from age 14+ but younger learners can use a parent account).
<https://www.futurelearn.com/>

