



# Midsomer Norton Schools Partnership

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Dear Parents/Carers

As the Coronavirus unfolds, I would firstly like to thank you for your support in what has been a difficult time for us all. I write today with some updates on a number of issues:

## 1) School work for pupils:

Children will continue to receive work on the platforms communicated in a previous correspondence – Google Classroom, Show My Homework, Purple Mash and school web sites, etc. This seems to be working well at the moment and we are gearing up to video some teacher-led lessons for children and parents, where the learning is particularly complex. I know some parents/carers have said that they are struggling to keep up with the quantity of work being set. Please do not worry about this, as we understand that pupils work at different rates and would normally have their teachers supporting them with their work. Please do your best in the first few weeks of this arrangement and if we need to help individual pupils further, this will come in the following weeks. My advice is to keep your children in sensible work routines, where they have regular breaks and take time for exercise.

## 2) Year 11 and 13 reports and predicted grade:

Schools would normally be writing final reports for children in Years 11 and 13 at this point in year. Given the circumstances, we have decided to include a 'predicted grade' in our communication with the parents/carers of Years 11 and 13. These predicted grades are based on the prior achievement of your child, our experience in past years of progress pupils make in Year 11 and 13, our knowledge of your child and the impact we feel we may have made with your child given all the boosters and intervention support we had in place for them prior to examinations in May and June. It is very likely that the grades you see in these reports will be the grades we submit to the Department for Education when requested to do so. **Having said this, we still do not have full clarity on the mechanism we will be asked to apply when determining predicted grades and the DFE may not accept our predictions.** However, we feel that to reassure children we should attempt to give them and you some indication of the grades we believe we will be submitting.

Sending predicted grades home does not mean Year 11 and 13 should stop working. **They must continue to work hard on tasks set, as we may still need to provide completed work as evidence of improvements made since mocks, etc.** It remains important to keep working for other reasons too of course and I outlined these in my last correspondence.

## 3) Arrangements for vulnerable children and children of key frontline workers in our schools from Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March:

Thank you to all parents who have been so supportive and only sent their children into one of our schools if they were unsafe at home or if both parents/carers were key frontline workers. This has helped us tremendously in schools to reduce likely infection and minimise cross-contamination and therefore keep children and staff safe. Our rotas remain in place at the majority of schools, but we are intending to limit the number of sites that are open from **Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March**. This is because of staff absence – teachers, catering, cleaners, site, etc. and because we are intending to allow staff to register as volunteers for the NHS to help with the national response to the Coronavirus outbreak.





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The list of the sites open from Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March are detailed below. We will review this as numbers of staff and children fluctuate over the coming weeks and notify you accordingly of changes.

Staff from the schools that are not going to be open will be redeployed as part of an updated rota. Children will need to report to the appropriate school reception with their parent/carer in order to be registered. Senior staff from the school we intend to close temporarily will be present at other sites or liaising with Headteachers of the host school.

### Arrangements for Primary Schools from Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March:

School Site	
Peasedown St John School	Will be the hub for pupils from <b>Peasedown St. John Primary School.</b>
Westfield School	Will be the hub for pupils from <b>Westfield and Trinity Church Schools.</b>
Shoscombe School	Will be the hub for pupils from <b>Shoscombe and St Julian's Schools.</b>
Farrington Gurney School	Will be the hub for pupils from <b>Farrington Gurney School.</b>
Leigh-on-Mendip School	Will be the hub for pupils from <b>Leigh on Mendip School.</b>
Hemington School	Will be the hub for pupils from <b>Hemington School.</b>
St John's School	Will be the hub for pupils from <b>St John's and Longvernal Schools.</b>
Midsomer Norton School	Will be the hub for pupils from <b>Midsomer Norton Primary School.</b>
Dundry School	Will be the hub for pupils from <b>Dundry Primary School.</b>
High Littleton School	Will be the hub for pupils from <b>High Littleton School.</b>
Clutton School	Will be the hub for pupils from <b>Clutton School.</b>
Welton School	Will be the hub for pupils from <b>Welton School.</b>

### Arrangements for Secondary and Specialist Schools from Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March:

School Site	
Norton Hill School	Will be the hub for pupils from <b>Norton Hill and Somervale Schools.</b>
Beechen Cliff	Will be the hub for pupils from <b>Beechen Cliff School.</b>
Writhlington School	Will be the hub for pupils from <b>Writhlington and Mendip Studio Schools.</b>





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<b>St. Dunstan's School</b>	Will be the hub for pupils from <b>St Dunstan's School</b> .
<b>Critchill School</b>	Will be the hub for pupils from <b>Critchill School</b> .

Once again, thank you for your continued support and please only send children to school where it is absolutely necessary in order to prevent the spread of Coronavirus.

Alun Williams  
CEO

