



The Midpoint Centre

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Following government guidelines, as of Monday 23rd March, the Midpoint Centre will only be open to students who have an EHCP, are open to Social Care, or whose parents are key workers. A full list of who is classified as a Key Worker can be found on the Gov.uk website. We have attempted to make contact with all families we believe this applies to. If you believe this applies to you or your child, and have not spoken directly to a member of staff at Midpoint, then please contact me on 01902 558144 as soon as possible to arrange provision. We have delivered work packs to all students not able to attend the Centre but if you require any more work then please get in contact with us.

For students who will be attending the Centre we will be open on reduced hours, starting at 10am, delivering core subjects, followed by lunch. The Centre will then close at 1pm. We will be closing the Midpoint Centre so all provision will be in the Braybrook building. For students who were previously on outreach or a Specialised Learning Plan then a bespoke offer will have been discussed with you. Again, if you have not had this conversation with a member of staff please contact me immediately.

For Year 11 students you are probably aware of the announcement made by the Department of Education relating to the cancellation of forthcoming GCSE Examinations this summer. We would like to take this opportunity to inform you as to the latest developments behind this decision. The Department of Education and OFQUAL have announced that **all current Year 11 Students will receive qualification based upon their 'Target Grade' opposed to sitting physical examinations.** Their 'target grade' is derived from student performance throughout their School career to date and is specific to each specific subject area. We are in the process of reviewing individual target grades over the next twenty-four hours and making students aware of the impact this may have.

As I am sure you can appreciate, these are exceptionally challenging times for everyone. We will update you further once we receive any further guidance about how your child's GCSEs will be awarded. It is vitally important that students do not worry about this process. It is however important that students continue to work towards their goals within every subject. We may well have to provide physical evidence of your child's achievement to support their target grade.

For families who are open to Social Care we have a responsibility to conduct 'safe and well' checks. This maybe a phone call or a home visit dependent on circumstances and current guidance.

We are still making preparations for students who are eligible for free school meals and will communicate arrangements as soon as they have been confirmed.

Students who are showing symptoms of the COVID-19 virus should still self-isolate for 14 days. If government guidelines change again then we will amend our arrangements and inform you. Please follow all advice issued and I wish the best of health to all of our students and their families.

Yours sincerely,

Mr S. Playford
Head of Centre

