

COVID - 19 Unity Academy Bulletin

1st April 2020

These are unprecedented times where the academy is relying on daily guidance from the Government, this guidance changes regularly and often this published information lags behind information in the press. This bulletin intends to keep all stakeholders as up to date as possible given the information we have and the fast moving situation.

School Closure Update

Unity Academy is closed until further notice to all students other than those who are considered vulnerable or families where both parents are key workers. These parents should have contacted us. Children should only come to school if there are **no other options.** We will maintain communication with those considered vulnerable regarding attendance.

Easter Opening

The academy is open to children of key workers over the Easter period for childcare purposes at the normal times. This includes Good Friday and Easter Monday. Please send children with a packed lunch as the kitchen may not be available as normal.

Free School Meals

Thank you to those who collected food parcels for children entitled to free school meals, arrangements for collection for next week are online. We are aware of the voucher scheme launched by the Government and are looking into the possibility of this should our catering provider, Chartwells, not be able to provide food parcels each week. As yet, we have not received the required information to set this up so parents should assume that we will not be able to issue vouchers until after the usual Easter break.

Staff update - Easter working

A rota will be issued for Easter working later on today, please contact K Bentley if you need to be moved within the rota.

Critical Workers - Operations outside of normal school hours

If you are a critical worker (NHS or emergency services) and as a result of COVID-19 require childcare beyond the school day, please refer to the Blackpool Council website.

School Closure Work

Work for students during school closure will be placed on the website - www.unity.blackpool.org.uk - work will be regularly refreshed during this period.

Enquiries

Should you have any questions during this time please email generalenquiries@unity.fcat.org.uk - if you have specific emails regarding subjects or software, please use the email addresses on the website, under school closure.