

PARTIAL SCHOOL OPENING/CLOSURE

TRUST UPDATE #1

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MALTBY LEARNING TRUST

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MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

I understand that this is an exceptionally anxious and uncertain time for us all. We will all have a relative or friend whose health, safety and well-being is in our thoughts more than usual at this time. It is important to work together to support those closest to us and those who are less fortunate. We can all take strength from the fact that we are part of a broader learning community, comprising of staff, students, families and community members, who can continue to offer encouragement and support to each other. We may all be practising self isolation at the minute but that does not mean we are on our own.

Each of the Academies in the Trust have posted learning activities online enabling students and staff to follow the latest government advice and stay at home wherever possible. We are still supporting a small number of students in school, children of key workers or those considered more vulnerable. We are trying to reassure families in any way we can, considering how we can support the mental health of our communities, especially those who are particularly isolated.

This week we have seen some brilliant examples of work shared, some extraordinary statistics around the number of students accessing online learning resources, various photographs of children and staff experiencing learning in different ways (including a number of video clips and sound bites) and a range of opportunities for families to engage in learning together. Please keep sharing your positive news stories and photographs via our Twitter account @maltbylearning.

We are still in the early stages of this crisis and the current actions will only get us so far as we face an uncertain period ahead. We need to remain resilient and continue to work together to support those most at-risk members of our community throughout the weeks and months ahead.

Thank you for your continued support through these difficult times.

Keep safe and well.

David Sutton

**“MORE THAN EVER BEFORE IN HUMAN HISTORY, WE SHARE A COMMON DESTINY.
WE CAN MASTER IT ONLY IF WE FACE IT TOGETHER.”**

Kofi Annan
Nobel Peace Prize Winner 2001



ON-SITE PROVISION

ACADEMY BOOKING FORM (ON-SITE PROVISION)

All Academies have recently shared with parents/carers a booking form for children considered vulnerable or children of key workers wishing to access provision in their local school.

This will help us to understand the demand in schools each week and plan for the appropriate levels of provision.

Please refer to your child's Academy website for more details.

LATEST GOVERNMENT GUIDANCE

In line with the latest Government Guidance for schools and educational settings, if children can stay at home safely, they should wherever possible. This is the best way we can limit the chance of the Coronavirus spreading. The fewer children in educational settings, the lower the risk that the virus can spread and infect vulnerable individuals in wider society.

That is why we are asking that you only complete the booking form and send your children to school should they absolutely need to attend. We thank you in advance for your continued support on this matter.



PARTIAL OPENING - STUDENT NUMBERS ATTENDING ACROSS THE TRUST

	WA	STWA	MA	RPA	MRA	MMA	MLHA
MONDAY	36	26	12	32	20	25	30
TUESDAY	8	19	4	8	5	19	13
WEDNESDAY	7	12	2	8	1	10	3
THURSDAY	5	18	2	4	4	8	5
FRIDAY	8	11	2	6	5	8	5



ONLINE LEARNING ACCESS

All Academies within the Trust have built a 'Home Learning' section into their website, prominently positioned and easily accessible from the homepage. Guidance on how to access work and submit completed projects have also been shared between parents and students.

Following week one of school closure, the analytics of the Academy online materials are as follows:

	WA	STWA	MA	RPA	MRA	MMA	MLHA
WEBSITE VISITS	7,111 PAGEVIEWS	4,068 PAGEVIEWS	4,173 PAGEVIEWS	348 PAGEVIEWS	653 PAGEVIEWS	848 PAGEVIEWS	1,433 PAGEVIEWS
SHOW MY HOMEWORK ACCESS	68%	91.2%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
PURPLE MASH ACCESS	N/A	N/A	N/A	85%	59%	70%	78%
HEGARTY MATHS USAGE	53% 23,594 QUESTIONS ANSWERED	53% 25,000 QUESTIONS ANSWERED	30% 15,560 QUESTIONS ANSWERED	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Many of our children have had their online learning resources supplemented with 'hard copy' packs of work. It is important for the students to engage in work in a variety of ways, including the creative approaches and programs screened on television.

Children in the primary phase have enjoyed engaging with Timetable Rockstars, drawing with Rob Biddulph, stories with a David Williams, Read Write Inc. with Ruth Miskin, PE/exercises with Joe Wicks and much more.

*Look out for the national initiatives with the celebrities.



ARRANGEMENTS FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS



All students eligible for 'Free School Meals' across the Trust are able to access a 'grab bag' meal deal from their local school through this period of partial opening/closure. **These are available for collection from the school between 11.30 and 12.30.**



Please note that the Trust is currently planning to transition to the use of e-vouchers that can be redeemed for food in the local supermarket stores. All eligible children will have the option of either continuing to collect lunches from our designated collection points or receiving an e-voucher each week to use at one of the major supermarket chains.



We will contact families of all students eligible for Free School Meals once the new arrangements have been secured.



SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES

Maltby Learning Trust understands this is an unsettling time for all members of our community but that parents/carers may be additionally worried about their child's mental health and emotional wellbeing. If you are very concerned about your child's mental health and emotional wellbeing we would always advocate that you consult with your child's GP and that you access A&E services if you feel emergency help is needed. However, Maltby Learning Trust is continuing to provide mental health and emotional wellbeing support during this time.

Rotherham MAST will be offering mental health and emotional wellbeing telephone support during the coming weeks while schools are closed to the majority of students. As ethically trained Counsellors, the Rotherham MAST Mental Health Specialists have been mindful of guidelines issued by the British Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy (BACP) in respect of knowledge of psychological and operational processes relevant to telephone interventions.

To receive an initial telephone call to discuss your concerns further, please email your child's Academy, stating 'MENTAL HEALTH AND EMOTIONAL WELLBEING SUPPORT' in the subject line.

If you have any other concerns about your child, please contact the Academy directly using the following e-mail addresses:

Wath Academy: enquiries@wathacademy.com / pastoralteam@wathacademy.com / safeguarding@wathacademy.com

Maltby Academy: info@maltbyacademy.com / ma-PastoralTeam@maltbyacademy.com / ma-Safeguarding@maltbyacademy.com

Sir Thomas Wharton Academy: admin@stwacademy.com

Ravenfield Primary Academy: info@ravenfieldprimaryacademy.com

Maltby Lilly Hall Academy: info@maltbylillyhallacademy.com

Maltby Redwood Academy: info@maltbyredwood.com

Maltby Manor Academy: info@maltbymanoracademy.com

Other helplines you might find useful during this time:

Anxiety UK: 0344 477 5774

CALM: 080 58 58 58

Mind: 0300 123 3393

Samaritans: 116 123

Childline: 0800 1111



WHAT WILL HAPPEN WITH EXAM RESULTS THIS SUMMER?

OFQUAL Latest (27/3/2020): “We will outline by Easter the process we will follow to make sure grades are fair across schools and colleges, as well as our proposals for appeals. We will also say more as soon as possible about arrangements for additional exams in the new academic year.”

We have had numerous enquiries from parents of students in Y6/Y11/Y13 regarding the mechanism for awarding grades in the summer. At this time we are unable to provide the necessary detail on this matter as we await further guidance from the government and awarding bodies.

University representatives have confirmed that they expect universities to be flexible and do all they can to support Year 13 students and ensure they can progress to higher education.

Please be assured that once we have received further information we will share this with everyone concerned. We know it is an uncertain time and we will do everything to ensure that every student of Maltby Learning Trust leaves with great outcomes.

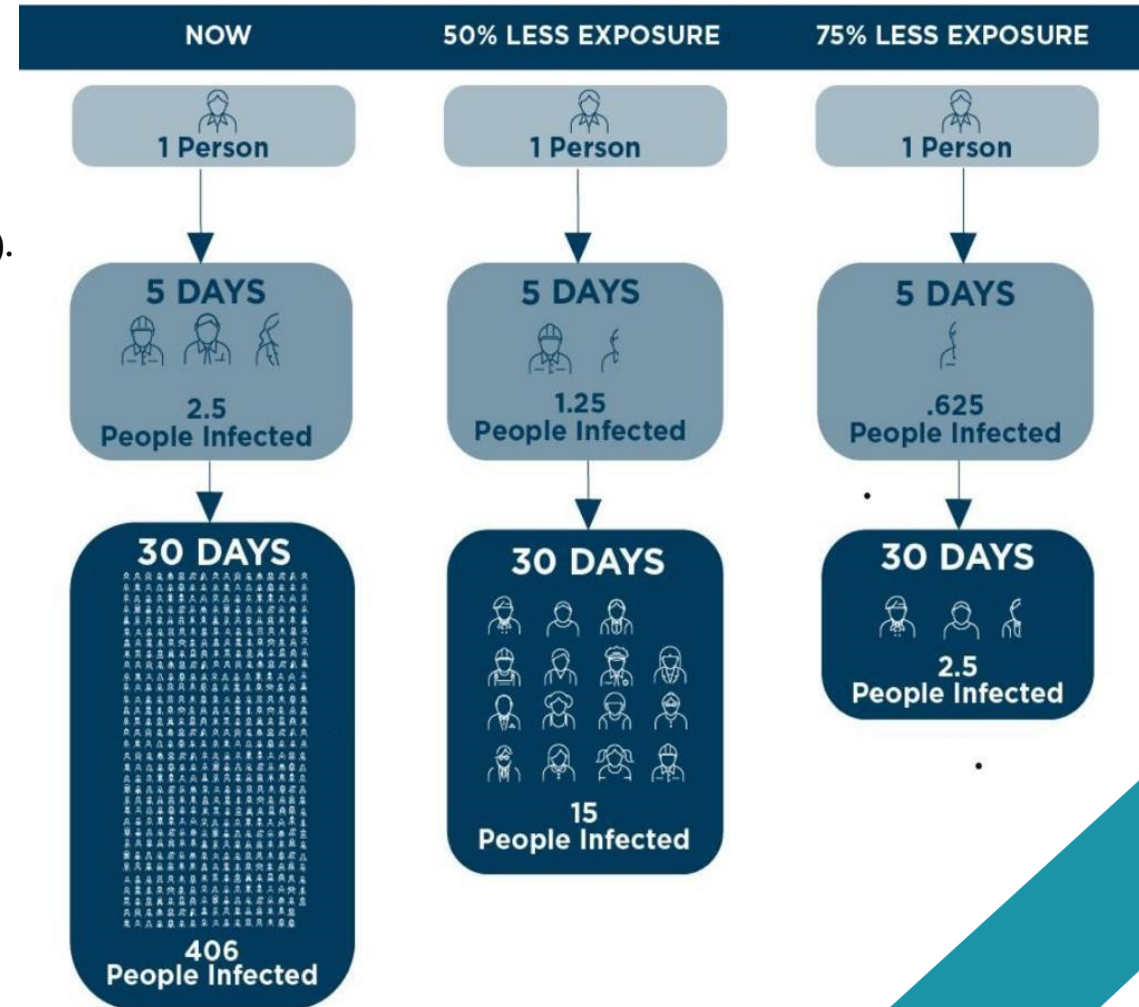


WHAT IS SOCIAL DISTANCING?

Social distancing measures are steps you can take to reduce social interaction between people. This will help reduce the transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19).

They are to:

- Avoid contact with someone who is displaying symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19). These symptoms include high temperature and/or new and continuous cough.
- Avoid non-essential use of public transport when possible.
- Stay at home.
- Avoid large and small gatherings in public spaces, noting that pubs, restaurants, leisure centres and similar venues are currently shut as infections spread easily in closed spaces where people gather together.
- Avoid gatherings with friends and family. Keep in touch using remote technology such as phone, internet, and social media.
- Use telephone or online services to contact your GP or other essential services.



PROTECT YOURSELF AND HELP PREVENT INFECTION

There is currently no vaccine to prevent COVID-19. **The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to this virus.**

- The virus is thought to spread mainly from person-to-person.
- Between people who are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet).
- Through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes.
- These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby or possibly be inhaled into the lungs.



STAY AT HOME

The single most important action we can all take is to stay at home to reduce our day-to-day contact with other people and reduce the spread of the infection.



FOLLOW THE GUIDELINES

You should only leave the house for necessary food shopping, one form of exercise a day, any medical need or for travelling for work purposes, but only where you cannot work from home.



AVOID CLOSE CONTACT

Put distance between yourself and other people. Try to stay 2 metres, or 6 feet away from people at all times.



CLEAN YOUR HANDS OFTEN

Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds especially after you have been in a public place, or after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.



KEEPING IN TOUCH

It is important to remember that we are all part of the same community and that we find any way we can to stay connected to each other.

We will aim to send out regular communications responding to frequent questions we have received, informing you of any developments that we are made aware of and sharing important updates with you. However; the best way you can stay up to date and in touch with us is by following our Twitter account @maltbylearning. On Twitter we post regular updates and share important information as it is received.



We would like for Twitter to become a forum through which you can share updates with us about how your children are spending their time during the school closure period, celebrating any amazing work they complete, or posting hints, tips and tricks they may have for getting through the coming weeks at home.

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU TAG US IN ANY POSTS (@MALTBYLEARNING) OR USE #MLTCOMMUNITY IN YOUR POST.



FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information about how to protect yourself and others, visit:

www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance

For information about the closure of schools and other educational settings following the outbreak of coronavirus (COVID-19), visit:

www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers

For information about Maltby Learning Trust and what we are doing to keep our staff and students safe, visit:

www.maltbylearningtrust.com/coronavirusupdate

For more information about social distancing and how to protect vulnerable people, visit:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-social-distancing-and-for-vulnerable-people>

To contact the Department for Education's dedicated Coronavirus Helpline, call 0800 046 8687.

This line is a service provided to support parents, school leaders and teaching staff.

The helpline is open Monday to Friday, from 8am until 6pm.

For medical advice about COVID19, it is important that you do not visit your GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital.

Stay at home and use the 111 online coronavirus service to find out what to do:

www.111.nhs.uk/covid-19



KEEPING POSITIVE

In the midst of all the doom and gloom, it has been incredibly uplifting to see what our amazing staff and students have been doing in their first week of Partial School Opening. Here are a selection of highlights:



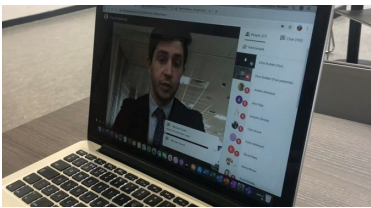
The EYFS at Maltby Redwood Academy created this fantastic window display to support our NHS and spread positivity and hope by joining in with the Rainbows of Hope trail.



The students of Sir Thomas Wharton Academy have been busy home-learning this week, answering over 25000 questions and putting them in the top 10% of schools nationally!



In a PE challenge, Maltby Academy Senior Vice Principal, Mr Taylor spent 3 hours perfecting the Top Bin Challenge, sharing all of his failed attempts with students to exhibit true resilience.



To ensure students don't fall behind, Mr Rodden, History Teacher at Sir Thomas Wharton Academy has continued teaching by holding video conference calls with his 27 Year 10 students!



Mr Austin at Wath Academy demonstrates to his Year 7-9 students how proportion is used in real life by filming a cooking demonstration and exploring how many ingredients he'll need to make 16 cookies!

