



**The Orchard Centre & The Nightingale Centre**

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Dear Parent / Carer,

I hope that both you and your family are keeping well during these challenging times.

Our service is committed to ensuring that your child is still able to access a full curriculum provision until February half term (when it will be reviewed).

We are aware of students that do not have access to laptops and internet connection and we are doing our best to support those families where possible. Please let us know if there is anything else, we could investigate for you on your behalf.

We are aware of students that are now attending our onsite provision from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021. This is open to **ALL** of our families, so if circumstances change, and you wish your child to attend, please let us know.

Your child's timetable will be emailed over to you by the end of today. Depending on individual needs, lessons will be delivered via Microsoft Teams and your class teacher will have made contact with you, with regards to the set up of the sessions. Your child is required to make sure they are checking their Teams notifications, in order to access the live sessions.

All students, as part of their timetables have been allocated a minimum of one pastoral walk a week. A member of staff will contact you to advise a specific time and date for this to take place. During these pastoral walks, work may be handed out and collected in.

If you would prefer paper-based learning packs / activities, again, please let us know and we will arrange for this during the pastoral walk. On completion of tasks, work will be marked and assessed.

Please let staff know in those initial phone calls / visits if you would prefer paper-based activities and we can get this prepared for you.

It is vitally important that your child engages with their education to ensure that they are able to continue to learn and progress over the coming months during Centre closure. Government guidelines suggest that young people should be accessing a robust and comprehensive package of learning whilst at home. We are fully committed to ensure that this is accessible to every child.

By Friday next week, you will receive our newsletter, which will outline support for both students and parents / carers. We will be offering parents / carers the opportunity to access parental forums on a weekly basis. The newsletter will also contain further details of online learning support that can be accessed, such as Oak Academy, Marvellous Me and the BBC schools' programmes, along with Mental Health and Well Being support via various sites and resources provided.

Students will continue to receive reward points, whether they are attending onsite or accessing remote lessons from home. Students will receive details of our exciting upcoming competition and the prizes that will be available to them.

Thank you for your continued support in these challenging times and please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any concerns or questions on the contact number below.

Kind Regards,

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