

18 May 2020

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

Firstly, I would like to say that I hope you are all safe and well. You have done an amazing job adapting to what has been an unusual and difficult time.

This update highlights plans for The Academy Grimsby, following the Prime Minister's speech on Sunday, 10th May, 2020. I can confirm that the senior leadership team from The Academy Grimsby have met to discuss the content of his speech and how it may affect us.

The guidance for Year 1 (10) suggests that we may offer face-to-face contact with students in small groups, whilst following social distancing measures. While we still await further guidance and instruction for how this may look, it is unlikely to mean a return to a full timetable. We will continue to monitor the situation as advice changes and keep you up to date. In the meantime, we are continuing to support students during the lockdown period via telephone, the Show My Homework facility, Microsoft Teams and email.

We have already been asked what will happen if parents/carers decide not to send children back to school should be reopened in June. The Government has said that there will not be a penalty if you decide to keep your children at home. I can quite understand why that might be your preference.

We do, however, need to have an idea of how many students we will be providing for in the event of a reopening in June. I therefore ask that all Year 1 (10) parents/carers let us know via email whether you plan to send your children in should we reopen. Please send this to the email address below. This will allow us to organise staffing and rooms accordingly.

For Year 2 (11) there will be no return to The Academy Grimsby and GCSE grades will be issued as per the guidance previously sent out. If you have any queries on this, please email me using the address below.

As Government guidelines change, we will keep you updated. We recognise that it has been a difficult time for everyone and I thank you for your continued support.

Please don't hesitate to contact me on askmatt@grimsby.ac.uk if you require any further guidance.

Finally, following many emails and phone calls regarding our Year 2 prom, which was scheduled to take place in the summer, we have now decided to reschedule it for November 27th as a Winter Ball. I look forward to seeing our Class of 2020 students ready to end the year in style.

Take care everyone.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. P. H.', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Matt Holness
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The Academy Grimsby