



BIDDICK PARENT WEEKLY BULLETIN

Week Starting 2nd November 2020

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WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW?

School Meals

- Due to COVID-19 restrictions, school meals must be pre-ordered. Students can bring a packed lunch and snacks.
 1. Click on the following link to order a school lunch online.
[Click here - School Lunch Order Form for week starting 9th November](#)
DEADLINE Thursday 29th October 2020 at 9.00am.
 2. Access the following link to log onto your ParentPay account to ensure there are sufficient funds for us to take payment once your child has had the school lunch.
<https://www.parentpay.com/parents>
 3. We automatically add daily Free School Meal allowances (£2.30 a day) to ParentPay using the information we receive from the Local Authority. If your child receives Free School Meals you will still need to place an order for a meal.
 4. If you are unable to access a device to place an online order, please contact us

Remote Learning

- As mentioned in the letter from Miss Morris last week, if your child has to self-isolate, they will be able to access all of their usual lessons via our online platform Microsoft Teams. Teachers will livestream their lessons, so that your child can follow their normal timetable online.
- Students will be able to ask questions during the lesson using the 'chat' facility and upload their work to Teams for the teacher to assess.
- The lesson resources will be uploaded to Teams so that they can be used at a later date if your child is unable to join the Teams lesson live.
- We have produced some important information on how to help students access the livestream lessons as well as a student code of conduct which outlines our expectations of students when joining lessons via Teams.
[Click here to access the Parent/Carer Guides](#)
[Click here to access the Student Guides and Code of Conduct](#)

Year 8 Change of Arrival Time

- As you are aware Biddick Academy has a 'staggered start' at the beginning of each day to allow all students to enter the Academy safely.
- Up until this point, the arrival time for our Year 8 cohort has been 8.50am. However after half term, week beginning **Monday 2nd November the new arrival time for Year 8 students has been brought forward to 8.40am.**
- The reason that we have been able to do this is because our students are now firmly in structured routines and enter the Academy much quicker than when we first returned. Our Year 8 cohort in particular has demonstrated a real maturity to new systems put in place and we are very proud of them.
- If you have any questions in relation to the above, please contact Mrs. Scott, Head of Year 8



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Character Award and Extra-Curricular Clubs

- We are delighted to launch our new Extra-Curricular Club Programme which is linked to our Character Award.
- The Biddick Character Award develops learners to have a rounded view of life and add value to the Communities in which they will live and work by practising skills to develop their curiosity, readiness, aspiration and resilience. Students can grow and expand these attributes by taking part in Extra Curricular Clubs.
- To ensure that we are delivering a COVID safe programme, each Year Group will access clubs on a designated day, within their own year group bubble.
- There is a maximum number of students for each activity and students will need to sign up for their chosen club. All clubs run for five weeks and there will be a new programme offer every half-term.

How to sign up for Extra Curricular Clubs!

- To register your child/children for a club, please follow this process.
 1. Click the following link on our website to find the dates, times and clubs offered by Year Group
<https://biddickacademy.com/students/extra-curricular-activities/>
 2. You can find details about the clubs on our website here -
<https://biddickacademy.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Extra-Curricular-Booklet-2020-2021.pdf>
 3. Once you have decided, you can sign up using the links here -
[Click here to register for Year 7 Clubs](#)
[Click here to register for Year 8 Clubs](#)
[Click here to register for Year 9 Clubs](#)
[Click here to register for Year 10 & Year 11 Clubs](#)

If you need any assistance or have any further questions, you can contact Mrs Scott on scott.s@biddickacademy.com