



## Haberdashers' Monmouth Schools

From the Head of Boarding **Mr Alex Peace BSc (Hons)**

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2020

Dear Parents,

### **Re: Boarding Provision for Keyworkers**

I write to you with a brief update and direct offer of support from boarding. In addition to the schools' keyworker day-care provision, I recently wrote to all boarding parents to inform them that we would be opening a boarding house to support boarding families where both parents are keyworkers.

As the situation evolves and the crisis escalates in the UK, many individuals are being redeployed or finding their working hours increased; I would therefore like to extend the offer of boarding support to all of our keyworker parents who would find a short-stay boarding provision for their child helpful during the coming weeks. Please email us directly so we can discuss individual requirements with you.

To protect those working and living within the close community of a residential boarding house during the lock-down period, staff will take all reasonable measures to reduce risks of transmission into the house, and therefore will not be accepting requests for day boarding, where non-residents come into the boarding house for part of the evening. Should a pupil join boarding, it would therefore be for a continuous period of time. Further information is included below:

- Augusta House, extending into Twiston Davies House will be the main accommodation block
- Where possible, pupils will be allocated their own single room with a desk and en-suite shower room
- Boys and girls will be arranged in separate zones
- The youngest pupils will be placed in rooms in close proximity to staff accommodation and experienced junior boarding staff will be directly involved in their care
- Boarding duties will be undertaken by experienced boarding staff from both the boys' and girls' schools.
- All pupils will have access to age specific common rooms to relax in, as well as access to: a communal kitchen; games room; on-site playing field; tennis courts; sports hall and gym
- Should a child or member of staff develop symptoms, we will closely follow the latest guidelines in our response
- This facility will officially be available for you to book from Sunday 19th April (2pm), however we may need to bring this provision forward and will be prepared to accommodate at short notice should government instructions change. Please contact us if you have a more urgent request.
- The boarding fee will be set at 60% - including CEA recipients
- This emergency boarding provision will be reviewed weekly until schools are reopened.

Please email boarding secretary [willis.melina@habsmonmouth.org](mailto:willis.melina@habsmonmouth.org) to make an enquiry.

Kind regards