

**Friday 9th April 2021**

Dear Parents and Care Givers,

 We hope you have enjoyed the Easter holidays, and are looking forward to an easing of the lockdown restrictions this coming week.

There are a number of points we need to raise before return to Hopefields on Monday, 12th April. Hopefields will now offer a breakfast club between the hours of 8.45 and 9.15am every morning. Cereal, toast and hot drinks will be served upon request, free of charge.

There are also some slight changes to the end of the education day. If your child is picked up from Centre in a taxi, the taxi firm will now text message Hopefields on arrival in our car park. We will then escort your child to the car park and in to the taxi. Young people will not be allowed to wait outside, unaccompanied, for their transport to arrive.

Hopefields are committed to safeguarding all young people, and we have been made aware of some instances where our learners are leaving Centre and have been subject to verbal abuse from passers-by, or are smoking outside of the building on the road front. Whilst Hopefields cannot ‘police’ this (we do not have authority once a young person is outside of our Centre) we ask you to speak to your child about the effect illegal, underage smoking has on both themselves, and on the reputation of Hopefields in the community. We thank you for your support in this matter of keeping your child safe and healthy.

The summer term reminds us that we are drawing towards the last third of the academic year, and that we are nearing saying ‘goodbye’ to some of our young people, transitioning them in their pathway to adulthood. Hopefields realise that ‘exam time’ can be considered a stressful and worrying period for you all. Like you, we are proud of our young people every day, and hope that they will use their time wisely between now and the Functional Skills Assessments, which this year will be conducted the week commencing 4th June.

The online learning package BKSB should be used daily. We recommend 30 minutes for each subject of Maths and English as a minimum. Project work linked to NCFE will also be made available and brought home on a regular basis between now and the end of term.

We appreciate your support in creating the best possible outcomes for young people.

With the best wishes for a successful Summer term,

Emily Greenhalgh and Alison Laws

Directors