

Dartmoor Multi Academy Trust: Supporting our Communities through Lockdown

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Our Remote Learning Provision

Despite schools across the Trust remaining closed, except to children of key workers and vulnerable learners, the education for our students has continued thanks to the hard work and diligence of staff, parents and more in the community.

We are continuing to provide remote learning for all students and have improved both our online provision as well as students' access to it, to ensure our students remain fully engaged with their education throughout this lockdown. Steps we have taken to guarantee our students remain connected with their education include:

- We are now providing an increased number of live lessons to students, as well as access to a range of engaging educational activities which can be found online [here](#). Part of this includes rapidly setting up shared resource areas to ensure great ideas can spread just as they would across the school if it were open.
- Alongside the Department for Education, we are also providing digital devices to all disadvantaged students to help them access remote learning and are working extremely hard to ensure every child can access their education.
- We have been delighted to work with Vodafone to provide a number of SIM cards for students which will enable those without broadband to access the internet using their phone or tablet.
- Additionally, all our schools will remain open to the vulnerable learners and children of key workers throughout the current period of school closures if required, but parents and carers should keep their children at home if they can.

Free School Meals

In order to support our students and families who are eligible for free school meals

through the latest national lockdown, we are currently working with the local partners and the DfE to provide families with food vouchers. The vouchers will be worth £15 and can be spent at local registered supermarkets. The Trust has now issued physical vouchers to all schools to distribute to eligible parents, and your school will be in contact with further details very soon.

Supporting You

We appreciate what a challenging time it currently is for families and students. If you need support or advice, then please know you are welcome to contact your schools. We have also drawn together a list of organisations and charities who you can turn to for support which we will also share on the Trust website, and wanted to reiterate the importance of us all working together to make it through this challenging period.

- GOV.UK
 - [Increasing data allowances on mobile devices](#)
 - [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) - Looking after your feelings and your body](#)
- Food banks
 - [Trussell Trust](#)
- Domestic violence
 - [Refuge](#) – Domestic abuse helpline for women and children
 - [Respect](#) – Domestic abuse helpline for men
 - [Galop](#) – LGBT+ anti-violence charity
- Debt and financial concerns:
 - [Citizens advice](#)
 - [National Debtline](#)
- Support for Carers
 - [Carers UK](#)
- NHS Support
 - [Coronavirus information and advice](#)
 - [Volunteer support](#)
 - [Urgent help for mental health](#)
- Mental Health Support

- [MIND](#)
- [Rethink](#)
- [Samaritans](#)
- [Kooth](#)
- [Babcock](#)
- Older relatives:
 - [Age UK](#)
 - [Alzheimer's Society](#)
- Bereavement
 - [Cruse Bereavement Care](#)
 - [Ataloss](#)
 - [Hospice UK](#)
- SEND Support
 - [Devon Information, Advice and Support service \(DIAS\)](#)