



Update on WIZE UP Greenwich Coronavirus Planning: 20th March 2020

In these uncertain times you can be certain that Wize Up will continue to provide an excellent educational and pastoral setting for the vulnerable young people in our care. We are, until the government mandates otherwise, going to remain open and will require all young people on roll to attend unless otherwise stated, i.e. for reasons of self-isolating. Young people will continue to have access to the school counsellor on Tuesdays and Wednesday via skype, please do advise if your young person is not in attendance at school and you would like them to have a session, we will do our best to accommodate.

Where staffing numbers drop due to illness, we will adapt to a distance-learning plan - with a comprehensive timetable of activities, and then revert to bringing the young people back into school as soon as possible. In the past days we have attempted to make contact with parents via parentmail and phone to confirm computer and internet access. School hours will be **9.20 am - 2:00 pm** for young people to accommodate any traveling issues young people may experience with reduced transport services. *We will ensure that you and your young person are kept up-to-date on the plans relating to how results will be issued once we have been informed. For those self-isolating and eligible for Free School Meals we also aim to provide support for you in the coming days.*

Please rest assured the health and wellbeing of our young people and staff remains paramount. Where signs and symptoms present, we will take all necessary precautions to isolate. However, with such large proportions of our schools consisting of the vulnerable young people that the Prime Minister mentioned in his briefing, we will provide the consistency and stability that our young people need more than most.

Our priority must be to the existing young people but, where capacity allows, we will consider the placements of new young people in accordance with our usual referrals procedure. Where we feel we can meet the need of a new student, we will endeavor to do so.

We will be in touch in the coming days to share some of the resources we've created for the classroom and distance learning, please do keep an eye on our website: www.wize-up.org.uk which will shortly have study packs and additional information. In the meantime, please accept our best wishes from all at Wize Up. Do get in touch if you would like to discuss our plans going forward.

Warm regards