



The Matthew Arnold School

Part of the Bourne Education Trust



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Dear Parents and Carers

We were officially handed the keys to our new building on Friday afternoon after the DfE inspection. As anyone has had major building works done will know, only two days later than planned is nothing short of a miracle.

However, the delay did mean that we were unable to complete the unpacking as planned, and in order to make the school safe for children (key workers and vulnerable children) we have to complete this fully. Now that we have no contractors on site, I will be asking all school staff to come in to work tomorrow and Thursday. They will all be tested before they enter the new site, so we are on a fairly tight schedule.

The upshot for parents and students is that we will need to set work for these two days rather than live teaching. Teachers will post work on the usual team channel, and may email as well. Students should keep to the timetable.

The exception is Y11 classes, where the majority of lessons will be live.

I seem to be permanently asking for your patience; the combination of COVID, the government's response (!) and being at the mercy of constructors has made it almost impossible to plan anything more than 24 hours in advance. However, I am asking for it again. I am so grateful for the messages you have been sending in, and the way your children have responded so well to the provision so far. We will be resuming normal practice on Friday or earlier as and when staff have finished in school. If this is the case, teachers will let students know.

With best wishes,

Mary Gould
Headteacher