

Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you for your ongoing support and understanding following the government announcement to close schools from Friday 20th March 2020.

As of Monday 23rd March, the school will only be open for students in the following groups:

- a) Children of key workers e.g. NHS Staff (including support staff), Police Service, Fire Service, School Staff, Social Workers, Care Workers, Food Supermarket Delivery Drivers
- b) Vulnerable children e.g. has an EHCP, is a child in need, has a child protection plan or has a designated social worker

We are expecting further information on a definitive key worker list from the government later today, which we will share with you.

We would ask that families who fall into the definition of key workers and/or vulnerable children who require provision to notify us by completing this [online form](#) no later than 10am on Friday. This will ensure we know who to expect in school from Monday onwards. Please provide the name and year group of your child and details of which category you fall into.

We must stress, that the school will be affected by staff absence and will be unable to operate a full curriculum provision. Year groups will be collapsed and our provision will be limited. We intend to open for students between 0830-1500 and will keep our provision under continual review.

Where students are not in school, it is vital that the impact on student learning is minimised, so students should be encouraged to continue to engage with learning. Whilst there is no substitute for classroom teaching, we will endeavour to provide a reasonable level of education for our students by regularly setting work via Show My Homework, which we would expect students to complete to the best of their ability. Students should also check their emails via Office 365 on a daily basis.

Parents should contact teachers directly with subject-specific questions and contact Heads of College/Year if they have a pastoral concern. Staff email addresses are on the staff area of the school website. As per our policy, staff will endeavour to reply to all communications within 24 hours.

Due to the latest preventative advice and the age and maturity of our students, where possible students should socially distance and work from home during this period. **You only need to contact us if you require provision during the school day and are in one of the above categories by 10am tomorrow (Friday 20th March).**

We would like to thank you for your continued support during this challenging time.

Regards

Tony Fitzpatrick
Executive Headteacher

Matthew Roberts
Head of School