

Dear Parents / Carers

Please find attached information and instructions regarding how your child can access work during the school closure. Teachers have spent the last week showing them this already, and I know that most pupils are completely comfortable with it. Should your child not manage this successfully, please contact the school.

As you will be aware, the school is to remain open for certain children only. Those of you who are able to send your children to school will be clarified later today by the government, and will be communicated to you. We already know this will include any of you who work in the medical services and emergency services, but more of you will be added depending on your line of work. This also includes any pupil with an EHCP or who has a Social Worker. Please note that any pupils attending school will need to wear their uniform as usual. Sadly, if you are not in the identified group, you cannot send your child to school during the closure.

Later you will receive another email from school asking you to respond, letting us know if you intend to send your child or children to school. Be aware that you do not have to, and that is your decision. It is crucial you let us know if you will be doing this so we can plan suitable provision. During the closure the school will remain operational at an appropriate level, so do please contact us if you have any query at all.

You will receive a communication from our Safeguarding Team today. We will keep in touch with those pupils already in need of support, but please contact us if you have any safeguarding concerns.

Examinations?

You will have seen the announcement yesterday that examinations are not going to run as usual this year. However, until we have clear guidance on how this is going to work, it is crucial Year 11 and Year 13 students continue to work as normal, as if they are preparing for an exam. Once we know exactly what is going to happen in this area we

will let you know. **But, to reiterate, please ensure your children continue to work as if they are going to sit their exams as normal.**

Free school meals?

Arrangements for pupils who receive a free school meal are being put in place and will be communicated to you as soon as they are finalised. The government have said they will put into place a centrally administered voucher system. This might not be able to be put in place immediately, so we will look at what we can do to plug any gap this might present.

This is the most unusual situation I think most of us will have ever known, and I can only thank you for your support over the last week. The number of emails I have received from you, thanking the staff for their commitment and care, has been truly warming.

I will continue to communicate as regularly as is needed by email, but please be aware that all relevant information can be found on our website, towards the bottom of the Home page, under 'Latest news'.

Regards

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