

19 March 2020

Dear parents and carers,

As you know, the DfE has announced a country-wide closure for schools which will result in our school being closed from **Friday 20 March** until further notice, for most of our students. The DfE has requested that our school remains open for children of key workers and vulnerable children - a separate letter will be issued regarding this once we have clearer guidance. In the meantime, we would encourage parents to complete the Key Worker Survey sent earlier today. Please note, if a child usually receives free school meals, we are working out the details and will again issue more information about how we will continue to provide this before the end of the week.

I appreciate that the closure will cause disruptions both to home-life and students' education, but the safety and wellbeing of students and their families must be our utmost priority. We are taking steps to minimise disruption and to enable learning to continue during any period of closure. Therefore, we are putting into place the following arrangements for providing and assessing work for students during the closure, which will become effective from Monday 23 March:

Foundation Stage

Our Foundation Stage Blog contains information about our plan for school closure and weekly activities will be added for children to complete at home. There is also information about the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) curriculum to help you support your child's learning. We will also be communicating with parents through Parent Share.

KS1 & KS2

Your child's Class Blog provides information about the range of learning activities that are available for them to complete at home. This will include reading/phonics and reading comprehension through our on-line Bug Club app and other curriculum areas through our Purple Mash app. Spelling and times tables practice will be set, and work linked to the class' Learning Theme will also be posted where children will be asked to research an aspect of learning.

The Class Blogs can be easily accessed via the school website by clicking [here](#), or on the Primary link/Primary Blogs. Teachers will update the Blog with the learning activities and messages on a weekly basis. If you have any difficulties in accessing the Class Blog and the on-line applications, please let us know. We will keep parents updated with any changes or developments in the provision of home learning during this closure period.

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Key Stage 3

Work will be set by teachers on Insight for every subject. In the first instance, students are to e-mail their class teacher reporting how much of the set work they have completed at the end of each 2-week period (i.e. Friday 3 April, 1 May, 15 May and 29 May – note, there will be the usual 2-week break for Easter). The parents/carers of students not responding will be contacted by the progress team. Completed work will need to be submitted for assessment, and may consist of a photo or scan of written work; artwork sent to the class teacher; completion of an online multiple choice quiz; or submission of a piece of typed work via e-mail/ MS teams at the end of the 4th week (i.e. 1 May and 29 May). The parents/carers of students not completing will be contacted by progress team.

Key Stage 4 and Key Stage 5

Work will be set by teachers on Insight for every subject. In the first instance, students are to e-mail their class teacher reporting how much of the set work they have completed at the end of each 2-week period (i.e. Friday 3 April, 1 May, 15 May and 29 May – note, there will be the usual 2-week break for Easter). The parents/carers of students not responding will be contacted by the progress team. Completed work will need to be submitted for assessment e.g. a photo or scan of written work or artwork sent to the class teacher, completion of online work (GCSE Pod, Seneca etc etc) or submission of a piece of typed work via e-mail/ MS teams at the end of each 4th week (i.e. 1 May and 29 May). This will then be assessed, and feedback will be sent to students via e-mail or MS teams. The parents/carers of students again not completing the required work will be contacted by progress team.

The government continues to closely monitor the spread of the Coronavirus and is taking appropriate action and adjusting its advice accordingly. Latest information on the Coronavirus can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/coronavirus-covid-19-uk-government-response>.

During the closure, along with teaching staff, our administration staff will continue to work, and as the advice and information surrounding Coronavirus continues to be updated and we receive further instructions from the DfE, we will ensure that you are kept updated. Updates will also be posted on our website and social media accounts and you will also be able to receive communications directly in relation to plans to re-open school.

Kind regards,



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