

20<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

I would like to start by saying how helpful you have all been during a very difficult week to manage. Your support and kind comments really mean a lot to us. I am fortunate to have an excellent and dedicated team of staff who do whatever we need them to in the interests of students. The sense of community this week in school was fantastic.

The government has decided that the <u>school is closed from today until further notice</u>. Going forward there are several things to give you information on.

Firstly, we will continue to set work for students using mostly online learning platforms. This will be set weekly and will continue until school reopens.

Secondly, we have childcare on site for vulnerable students and those of frontline workers starting from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March. Government advice can be found on <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision.</a>

Thirdly, we have a model for providing free school meals to eligible students. We are waiting for the caterers to confirm they will follow this model so I will report again when this is in place or inform you of the system we will use. Please look on the school's website for updates.

We will let you know as soon as we have the opportunity to re-open and how this will be managed. In the meantime, I hope you all stay well, look after each other and we look forward to normality returning.

Yours faithfully,

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