



18th March 2020

Dear Parents

You will be aware that the Prime Minister has announced today that schools in the UK will close by this Friday to prevent the further spread of coronavirus. We have been anticipating this decision in view of action taken by other countries, and we have plans in place to deliver education and care - both remotely and on-site to specific groups of students (see below) - throughout this period of disruption.

The School will close at 1.30pm on Friday, 20th March to allow us to make our final preparations for your child to continue their education during this closure.

Tomorrow, you will be receiving a letter from Mrs Sadiq (Lower School) and Mr Duckworth (Upper School) regarding provision that has already been put in place for distance learning.

Public Examinations

The Prime Minister announced last night that public examinations will not take place as planned this Summer. We understand that this announcement may result in some uncertainty for students, but the Government has indicated that it will ensure children get the qualifications they need. We will seek further information with the relevant bodies and contact you again once we have this.

The Prime Minister also announced plans for schools to remain open for children of key workers, pupils with EHCPs and those who are most vulnerable. Therefore, we are trying to gather as much detail as possible as to how many of our current **Reception to Year 13 parents** would fall into this category.

We are asking all parents to complete a very short questionnaire letting us know if you consider yourself a key worker and need your child(ren) to attend school. **This is only applicable to key workers who cannot make any alternative arrangements for childcare.** At the moment our understanding is that key workers include:

- Social Workers
- NHS Employees
- Teachers and childcare staff
- Police and Prison Officers
- Emergency Services Employees
- Delivery Drivers
- Care Home Workers

However, if you consider yourself a key worker in another occupation please indicate this using the Other option and the free text field in the questionnaire. Please [click here](#) to access the questionnaire.

The Schools already has lists of vulnerable students. Children who do not fall into these groups should remain home with appropriate care. This applies to students in all year groups from Monday 23rd March 2020.

The deadline for the survey is **Friday 20th March 10am** and we will assume that parents who do not reply are able to arrange childcare if their child is not at school. Once we have gathered this information, we will be in contact with those parents who require this childcare, and confirm our school provision.

As is currently the case, if you or any of your family members become unwell, then you must self-isolate and not come to school.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Neal', written in a cursive style.

Gary Neal
Headmaster