

20 March 2020



Dear Parents and Carers

Headteacher:
Dr R P Petrie BSc PhD

Schools have been closed from 15:30 today by the Government.

On **Monday 23 March 2020 at 09:30**, our school will re-open to provide childcare for some of our vulnerable students and students whose parents are on the government's list of key workers and are unable to either look after them at home or make other arrangements. We will **close on Monday at 15:00**.

From **Tuesday to Friday**, school will open at **08:30**, registration will be at 08:45 and the school day will **finish at 15:15**. Lunch will be at 12:15 with normal canteen facilities, but there will be no breaktime service.

If you are a parent or carer of a student who is vulnerable, a member of staff from the school will be in contact with you to discuss individual arrangements for your child.

If you are on the Key Worker list, please complete the survey that was sent out this afternoon as soon as possible, to provide us with the information we need to plan for next week.

Only students of key workers, who have completed this survey to say they require childcare, and those contacted directly by school to agree that a child will come to school, are allowed to be in school from Monday.

Parents and carers will need to make their own arrangements for getting their children to school as we have been advised by the Local Authority that there will be no school transport provision.

In line with government advice, we are developing a voucher system to support students who receive Free School Meals but will be at home during this period.

As much as possible, we have tried to maintain a normal experience in school for our students this week, alongside focusing on the need to support students with their questions and anxieties and preparing for the coming weeks. Yesterday we sent out to parents copies of our initial plans to continue students' learning during this school closure. This information will also be shared in detail with all of our students before the end of the school day today. We have also reinforced the message with students that they should be at home during the day and also follow the Government advice for social distancing for the benefit of all those in our community. We ask that parents reinforce these messages at home. These plans will ensure that school staff are in frequent contact with students about their learning. We will also send a regular update to parents summarising any changes, new information about the national picture and our developing strategy for students' learning.

We know that many students and parents are anxious about the implications of the cancellation of exams this summer, the awarding of qualifications and implications for moving to the next stage of education or employment in September. We will send out more information about the awarding of qualifications once we have received and processed future announcements on this issue.

Thank you again for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely

Dr R P Petrie
Headteacher

Mr R J King
Head of School

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