

20 March 2020

Dear Parent

School Support During School Closure
Parents of Key Workers, Vulnerable Students and Students with an EHCP

Further to the Headmaster's letter of 19 March 2020, the School wishes to ensure that all parents in the above groups are aware of the support that we will offer.

The Government guidance clarifies the definition of Key Workers for support by Education Establishments. At this point we are not checking that parents are Key Workers as we want to support our community as much as we are able, but because of the need for social distancing and our obligation to abide by Government instruction, we may need to do this in the future. Please see this [link](#) to identify if you are a Key Worker. We all need to support the government stance that if children can stay safely at home, they should, to limit the chance of the virus spreading.

Before requesting in-school provision you must consider these key principles:

1. **If it is at all possible for children to be at home, then they should be.**
2. If a child needs specialist support, is vulnerable or has a parent who is a critical worker, then educational provision will be available for them.
3. Parents should not rely for childcare upon those who are advised to be in the stringent social distancing category such as grandparents, friends, or family members with underlying conditions.
4. Parents should also do everything they can to ensure children are not mixing socially in a way which can continue to spread the virus. They should observe the same social distancing principles as adults.

Please see below more detail of the service that we will offer.

The School will operate under these principles:

- Normal School hours will operate
- Attendance will be taken and we will inform parents of absence via a phone call or email
- School Rules/Policies apply at all times
- Students will not be allowed to leave the School site unless they are in Year 12, in which case they will be allowed off-site at lunchtime as long as this is in line with Government advice
- We will attempt to implement social distancing as much as possible
- Students can attend in smart casual dress
- The canteen will be offering a skeleton service, but this can only run if enough parents are interested.
- The School Shop will be open while stocks last, students should bring in snacks and water

- The staff on duty will not be teaching, your son will be working through work set by their teachers digitally. Your son must bring in all resources that he needs for learning, including electronic devices (fully charged). Year7 students can use School computers
- Breaks will be in line with the School Day and we will add some alternative activities eg table tennis where possible
- Please be aware if your son exhibits any symptoms of Coronavirus we will contact you and ask that he is collected immediately and does not return for 14 days.

Please, by return of the attached form (see link below) indicate if this service is now of interest to you. It will also ask you to confirm that you and your son will adhere to the above points and whether your son will be bringing a packed lunch or a will require a hot meal.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Pu6mcJUblEifB1_MiPbJhuEMyQcnxTJOqzfR2cmV57xUQkVPSTRIVUgxT1ZOUkw3WEdXSENJWIIGRy4u

We would appreciate a very swift response as we need to plan our staffing for Monday, ensuring the wellbeing of the boys. If you have already returned a Form, a separate letter is already coming to you.

We will be running a smaller provision over the Easter holiday only for the children of key workers. We are not in a position to cater for the vulnerable students and students with an EHCP during this period. Normal provision will recommence on 20 April and we will contact all parents again to offer this support.

Yours sincerely

Alex Wallace
Deputy Headmaster