



19th March 2020

Dear Parent or Carer

Many of you will have seen the government announcement by the Secretary of State for Education and the Prime Minister yesterday regarding school closures in England due to the ongoing Coronavirus outbreak.

The announcement covered the following important points:

All schools in England will close until further notice by the end of the day on Friday 20 March.

Schools will be expected to remain open and provide supervision for the most vulnerable of students (those with EHCP, with assigned social workers) and for the children of key workers. The government would like this service to be open throughout the Easter holidays.

Public exams and assessments for academic year 2019-20 will not go ahead. This means no GCSEs, A-level or other exams and assessments will happen.

This does not mean that schools, including KEVICC, close completely. **We will be staying open from next week for some students.**

These students will be:

Vulnerable students (e.g. those with social workers)

Students with Education, Health and Care Plans

Students whose parents or carers are key workers

The government will publish information shortly on who are considered key workers, but have given examples as NHS staff, Police, and delivery drivers.

Free School Meals

The Education Secretary announced the government want to support schools to provide either meals or vouchers to students entitled to free school meals during the period of closure. As yet we have no other details, but are expecting more today.

Transport

We will also be seeking details from the local authority regarding transport into school for students for whom the school remains open.

Today and Tomorrow

We will continue to **remain open Thursday 19 March and 20 March for Y7, Y10, Y11, Y12 and Y13** students as detailed in my letter to you on 17 March.

Please continue to **follow the NHS and government advice on self-isolation** and preventing the spread of Coronavirus by social distancing and hand hygiene.

I will contact **parents and carers of Y11 and Y13 students** later today with some additional information regarding these year groups.

We will also need to contact you all as we try to **gather information on which of you are key workers** and may require supervision for your children from next week - please respond to this email promptly when you receive it later today.

Next Week

Please bear with us today as we try to plan for a completely new way of working from next week. I appreciate many of you will have questions or concerns, so please do check for email updates from the school regularly. We are very fortunate to have offers of support from people in the local community, and these are much appreciated, as is the commitment we have had from staff to do whatever we can to keep provision running for those students most in need. We are 100% committed to doing the best for our students and making our contribution to our local and national community's response to this very difficult situation.

With very best wishes to you all.

Yours faithfully

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

Alan Salt
Principal