



20th March 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

Coronavirus COVID-19

As you will now be aware, the Government has instructed schools to close until further notice; this is likely to be for several months. Therefore, Kingsbury High School will be closed indefinitely from Monday 23rd March. Any further updates will be posted on the school website - <https://www.kingsburyhigh.org.uk/> and will be sent to you via letter to the email address we have on file for you.

To support you and your child during this closure, please find attached a help sheet for students and one for parents. These will also be posted on the school's website.

Despite the closure, the Government has asked schools to look after a small number of children who are defined as "vulnerable" and/or whose parents are "key workers" (details below). From Monday, the school will be open between 9.00am and 3.00pm for these students only.

Vulnerable children

The Government has asked schools to offer provision for:

- Children with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHP)
- Children with an allocated social worker

If your child meets this criteria, my staff have/will be in contact with you to discuss arrangements.

Children of key workers

The Government has asked schools to offer provision for children whose parents need to work to help support the country's efforts to tackle the coronavirus pandemic.

Key workers are those who work in the following industries:

- Health and social care workers
- Education and childcare
- Key public services
- Local and national government
- Food and other necessary goods
- Public safety and national security
- Transport
- Utilities, communication and financial services

If your child can be safely cared for at home, they should remain at home. However, if you would like the school to look after your child, please complete the form at this link: <https://forms.gle/byVDb5dTXXY9eQiq5>. I will then write to you with further details.

Arrangements during the closure:

Work

Work for students to complete will be sent to them via Show My Homework (SMHW). They can also submit completed work for teachers to give feedback on via SMHW. If your child does not have access to any electronic equipment that will enable them to access their work, they should contact the school and hard copies will be sent out.

Examinations 2020

Although the Government has announced the cancellation of examinations for this academic year, no further details have been provided about the awarding of grades and qualifications. Once these details have been released, I will contact parents of students in the relevant year groups.

Free School Meals

The Government is developing plans for the provision of free school meals for those who are eligible. When we receive these details, we will be in touch.

Collecting books and other equipment

If your child has equipment at school that they will need during the school closure, they should contact their year leader so that arrangements can be made to do this safely.

E-safety and safeguarding

As students will be at home during the course of the day, they will invariably be using phones and other electronic equipment more than usual. I would encourage you to monitor your child's use of these technologies to ensure that they are being used safely. You may find the parental guidance on our website useful - <https://www.kingsburyhigh.org.uk/usefulguidance>.

Any safeguarding concerns should be sent to: safeguarding@kingsburyhigh.org.uk.

I will continue to keep in contact with you during the school closure to update you as and when I receive further developments. I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our students and families well.

Yours sincerely,



Alex Thomas
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