



QUEEN'S PARK HIGH SCHOOL

19 March 2020

Re: Coronavirus update – school closure to most students

Dear Parent/Carer,

Further to my letter sent out to you this morning, I am now writing with some limited updates as we are still in the position of awaiting further clarification from the government.

As a reminder, all schools will be closed at the end of the day on Friday 20th March and from Monday 23rd March, we will be offering child care arrangements. We are still awaiting confirmation from the Department for Education (DfE) as to who is classed as a 'key worker' and therefore which children and young people will be eligible for this childcare provision. This information is not yet available to us and we will therefore send further information with details of the offer once clarified.

We know that this is a difficult time for everyone but it is important that everyone waits for and follows national advice and guidance.

In the interim I would just like to thank those parents who have already notified us of their circumstances following our communication this morning. We understand that the current government advice is that if one parent is a key worker and the other not, then the other parent will remain at home with their child/children. **All other children will need to stay at home, so we ask that you do not send your child into school from Monday onwards.**

Today has been a challenging day for us all in school. I feel immensely proud of our students and the maturity that they have shown in what can only be described as 'unprecedented times'. At Queen's Park, there is such a strong sense of community within the school and it is quite unimaginable that as the doors close on Friday, the laughter, buzz and sense of belonging that we all feel here on a day to day basis, will largely be replaced by virtual interactions. We hope to make the most of our last day, ensuring that our students know that we are still here to support them in any way over the coming weeks, whether this is linked to their learning or just if they feel they need someone to talk to.

We will provide further clarification tomorrow in relation to grading for examinations for Year 11 and Year 13 and also our intended provision for children who receive free school meals. We are once again in the hands of our government here as we await the detail which sits behind yesterday's announcements.

Thank you again for your continued support and understanding.

Yours faithfully

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Headteacher