



19th March 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Update

As I am sure you are now aware, school will be closed to all students, except children of key workers and our most vulnerable students. This arrangement will take effect on Friday 20th March 2020 at 3.00pm, and will continue until further notice.

Children of Key workers

We have not yet received clarification regarding the government's definition of 'key workers', but it is likely to include:

National Health Service	Firefighters
Teachers and Childcare staff	Care home workers
Social workers	Police officers, community support, civilian staff
Prison officers or other probation staff	Firefighters
Supermarket delivery drivers	Ventilator manufacturers

Our understanding is that if BOTH parents in the household are classed as key workers, or if you are a lone parent AND have no other means of childcare, your child should be eligible to attend school next week. If only one parent in the household is a 'key worker', it would be pertinent to begin planning your own childcare arrangements, if you haven't already started this.

IMPORTANT - If you believe that your child (or children) is eligible to come into school because you meet these criteria, then please complete the form which accompanies this letter and email it to info@princehenrys.co.uk by **1.00pm on Friday 20th March 2020**. Children of key workers in school will be supervised and supported to complete the remote learning activities set by their teachers.

Vulnerable students

Students who have a social worker or an Education Health Care Plan (EHCP) automatically fall into this group. However, we are also aware of other students who are vulnerable and these have been identified by staff in school. If your child is eligible to come into school because they meet these criteria then you will be contacted by a member of staff on Friday 20th March. Vulnerable students in school will be supervised and supported to complete the remote learning activities set by their teachers.

Other students

The government has made it clear: "*Children who do not fall into these groups [children of key workers or vulnerable students] should stay at home with appropriate care.*"

All students

Teachers will provide regular remote learning activities for all students to complete. Tomorrow morning, we will be sharing with students our guidance and expectations regarding remote learning. In addition, we will share information to support student emotional well-being, including strategies to help students cope with these unusual circumstances in the weeks ahead.

Both types of information will be published on the school website, but will also be sent to you by email tomorrow so that you can support your son or daughter over the next few weeks.

Free School Meals

We will ensure that all students who are entitled to Free School Meals will have access to them. The school canteen will remain open and students will be able to collect meals directly from school, even if they are not attending school due to the closure arrangements. We are making arrangements to offer vouchers for supermarkets or local shops, which we will send directly to eligible families who are self-isolating at home or not attending due to the closure arrangements.

External examinations and students' internal progress grades

The Secretary of State has announced that there will be no external exams this summer. I realise that this will be extremely disappointing, frustrating and confusing for our Year 11 and Year 13 students. However, the Prime Minister and Secretary of State have stated that no student will be disadvantaged by this situation and that progress to the next step progression route will not be impeded. Staff at school will do all that they can to ensure that this is the case.

Due to the demands on staff in recent days, the publication of progress grades for all year groups will be delayed. We will publish an updated Progress Report as soon as we are able.

Arrangements for Year 11 only on Friday 20th March 2020

If your son or daughter is in Year 11, please let them know that arrangements for tomorrow have changed:

Time	Activity	Location
8.30 – 9.00am	Extended registration	Form Rooms
9.00 – 10.50am	Maths exam	Timetabled classrooms as planned
10.50 – 11.15am	Shirt signing and farewells	Sixth Form Quad
11.15am	Year 11 students dismissed	

Any Year 11 student not able to make their own way home at 11.15am should report to the Year Office instead. Please remind your son or daughter that if they do not wear full school uniform, they will be sent home.

School Trips

Further information regarding school trips and other activities (e.g. DofE Award) will follow as soon as possible. Once again, we would respectfully ask that parents/carers do NOT contact school to ask for further details regarding trips and visits, as we have no additional information at this time.

Thank you for your continued patience and understanding as we try to respond to the many repercussions of the COVID-19 emergency.

Yours faithfully



Ms Janet Sheriff
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