



HIGHER OPENSHAW COMMUNITY SCHOOL
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Thursday 19th March

Indefinite School Closure

Dear Parent/Carer

Following the latest advice and guidance that the government issued on Wednesday 18th March 2020, the school will close to all but the children of key workers and vulnerable students from 3.00pm on Friday 20th March 2020. After Friday, all schools in England, as providers of education will be closed until further notice. The Secretary of State is clear: this is an entirely different role for schools and school staff. It is primarily about care, not education. School will only have a very small number of staff on-site to reduce the risk of spreading disease.

In terms of 'Key Workers' provision will only be available for those families where both parents/carers are key workers or in single parent families where the parent/carer is a key worker. If you meet this criteria please email

admin@higher-openshaw.manchester.sch.uk

by 11.00am on Friday 20th March 2020 to inform us if you would like your son/daughter to continue attending school from Monday 23rd March 2020. Please include in your email your child's name, your address and postcode, details of both parents/carers' current roles.

Please also use this email address (or telephone 0161 223 3549) to let school know if you are unable to access the internet.

For further clarification on key worker categories please see government guidance. Currently school has not been provided with definitive advice as to who is a key worker. Hopefully this will be available later today.

School will contact all families who we feel meet other criteria and for who the offer of provision will be made. We are fully committed to being as supportive as possible to our families, however we also need to ensure that we are able to safely supervise any children in school.

We are currently awaiting an announcement from government / Local Authority on how our pupils who qualify for Free School Meals will be supported. As soon as we have this information we will inform those that are affected.

During this period of time, pupils should remain at home and engage with the remote learning that has already been provided. School staff will continue working from home to produce additional resources that will be added to the work that has already been given out. It is important to stress that your child should work through all of the on-line resources that we have provided as they are quite extensive.

We are also making the following email address available for students or parents to use if they have any safeguarding concerns or emergencies during this period of closure;

k.hutchinson@higher-openshaw.manchester.sch.uk

Please help us to keep this email available by only using it if you have an urgent safeguarding concern.

Thank you for your support and understanding in this matter.

Yours sincerely,



Headteacher

