

Thu 19 March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Friday 20 March

College will remain closed for Years 7 and 8 and will be open for Years 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13. We will be able to have in College Year 7 & 8 children of essential service parents e.g. NHS, Education, Police, Transport etc. and children of any other parents who need to go to work.

Friday will be another day with '**real time remote learning**' for all **Year 7 and 8** classes, for those **Year 9 - 13 classes where the teacher is absent and for all Year 9-13 classes still taught in College for the benefit of those students who may be absent.**

Lessons in years 9, 10 and 11 where the teacher is absent will not be covered in the timetabled classroom. Students should go to their normal, timetabled classroom where they will be directed to a study space.

What is Real Time Remote Learning?

Please see the [attached email](#), which was sent to all parents on the 17 March.

Please also see the [attached presentation](#), which was the assembly we gave all students on Tuesday 17 March.

Keeping the college open for children of key workers

The school will stay open for parents who need their children to be in school so that they can continue to work in their Key Worker roles. This provision is intended for families where both parents are key workers or for families with just one parent who is a key worker. If you are a key worker and there is another family member (NOT elderly or vulnerable relatives) who can have the children at home, please do not request that your child stays in school.

The Government has not yet published a list of Key Worker roles but we have compiled our own list here.

All NHS staff, carers, Police Officers and civilian police staff, Fire service staff, schools and nursery staff, those employed in the retail industries (in food shops and delivery only), manufacturers of specialist equipment for the NHS, Prison staff and Probation staff. This is not a definitive list and may be extended in the next few days.

In order for us to make plans for keeping the school open for the children of key workers we need to gather some information quickly. If you need your child/children to be in school please complete this '[Children of Key Workers](#)' [Google form](#).

Keeping the college open for other students

We will be contacting some specific families to offer provision during the school closure.

Reporting Absence

If your child is unable to participate in 'Real Time Remote Learning' (for example, if they are

too ill) please report this as an absence **each day** through Edulink.

Free School Meal Students

The Government is currently developing a national approach to providing support through supermarket and shop vouchers. We will provide further details when these become clear. In the meantime, we are looking into how we can provide free school meals so that eligible students do not go hungry while the school is closed.

Supporting students mental wellbeing

Our Pastoral Leaders will be available via email should students or parents have any concerns they want to discuss.

Our school counsellor will be available as normal to see students on his caseload. Please can students ensure they let him know if they plan to come in to school to see him.

I will write to you soon about the cancellation of GCSE, BTEC and A level examinations this summer. Thank you again for your support; together we can continue to enable our students to learn and flourish.

Warmest regards,

Hugh Hennebry
Principal