



Thursday, 19 March 2020

Dear Parent or Carer,

The most recent scientific advice on how to further limit the spread of COVID-19 is clear. If children can stay safely at home, they should, to limit the chance of the virus spreading. That is why the Government has asked parents to keep their children at home, wherever possible, and asked schools to remain open only for those children who **absolutely** need to attend.

The decision, made by the Government, to close schools on Friday 20th March until further notice brings clarity. I can therefore confirm that Hazel Wood High School will be closed to everyone, except children of key workers and vulnerable children, from Monday 23rd March 2020.

Examples of key workers include NHS staff, police, teachers, fire and care home workers. Further details of key worker have now been released and we will speak with those parents who are classed as key workers to see whether they require to send their child/ren into school.

Vulnerable children are those with an allocated social worker and those with Education, Health and Care Plans.

We will be contacting those parents who have identified themselves as a key worker and parents of vulnerable children. For safeguarding reasons please **do not** send your child/ren into school on Monday 23rd March without our confirmation.

To clarify, children who do not fall into these groups should remain at home with appropriate care.

We recognise the impact of time away from school on our pupils, and their learning, and have added to our website work for all year groups to complete in this time which will continue to be assessed. Online systems may be used to support remote learning such as Satchel 1 (Show My Homework) and SENECA Learning and details will be shared when needed. For families who **do not** have access to the internet we are arranging for packs to be available from Reception.

The health and safety of our pupils and families is a key consideration. Please ensure you continue to follow the updated Government guidelines regarding self isolation should you, or any member of your family show symptoms of the COVID19.

We thank you for your continued support as we work through this challenging situation together. Any updates will be added to our website during this time.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. Greenhalgh".

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