



WOODBROOK VALE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: School Closure

On the advice from the Department for Education, the closure of our school is going ahead from **3pm on Friday 20 March 2020 until further notice.**

You should already have received a pre-prepared print out of your child's school email, and log in credentials for our school systems so that your child can access work over the internet. The homework page of our website also has full details as well as links to some additional websites for student home working including some bespoke resources designed by our Maths and PE teams. Our staff will place work for each subject on Go 4 Schools. Your child should check this each day and we recommend they extract a few tasks across a range of subjects daily. As a rule, a student should do a maths and English task or private reading activity at least four times in a week. Students should not email staff directly. All queries should pass through the school office.

If a student does not have internet access their parent/carer should call into the school office and leave a message with a contact phone number. A member of the Senior Leadership Team will call to help you organise a work plan.

You can still send your child into school **if you work in the NHS, emergency or other essential public service.** The cabinet office will be releasing the definitive list today. If this applies to you, then you should send an email to the following account office@wbvs.co.uk or phone 01509 557 560 stating your job role and giving your child's name by midday on Friday 20 March 2020 so that they can be included in the new registers. Please be aware that we will not be able to deliver the normal curriculum to those students but will provide suitable study facilities and full supervision. We will contact those in the essential workers group who have registered with us, tomorrow.

Students in vulnerable groups will be contacted directly by Woodbrook Vale staff and key workers from school and outside agencies will still be available.

We are particularly mindful of the impact the latest announcement will have on our Year 11 students. Hearing that there will be no exams in May or June will cause concern. I would like to emphasise that the government have made it clear these students will still get their qualifications and still be able to move on to their next stage of education and training. We will let students and families know when we have a clearer details of how this will happen.



During this difficult time, we wish to continue supporting parents and carers with students' mental health and well-being. Advice and guidance is available for students (and parents) via the school website under the parent's section: Health and Wellbeing. All students have access to the Leicestershire and Rutland Public Health Nurse. They can send a text to 07520615387 or visit www.healthforteens.co.uk. Any safeguarding concerns can still be reported to a Designated Safeguarding Lead through the school website via 'contact us'. This will be monitored daily.

We will use the normal systems of texting, emails, social media and the website to share information about school re-opening.

In the meantime I would like to congratulate our amazing students on the way they have conducted themselves through this process. Now is their chance to step up in their families and in their communities to show the amazing contribution they can make.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back safely in due course

Yours sincerely,



Rachael Fraser
Headteacher

