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Dear Parents and Carers

Re: Coronavirus update – school closure to most pupils

Following on from my last update, I'm now writing to let you know that **we have now been instructed to close the school to almost all children after this Friday until further notice.**

As advised by the government, we will do all we can to stay open for the children of key workers (e.g. NHS staff, police, others in frontline services) and children with certain needs. We are waiting for the government to publish more information on what this means, but it would help us to establish exactly how many children will be in school during this time. **It is essential**, if you think your child may fall into one of these categories, that you contact the school via email on info@reigate-school.surrey.sch.uk ensuring you give your child's name and form by 9am tomorrow morning.

All other children will need to stay at home, so we ask that you do not send your child into school from Monday onwards.

Please note that this is a national closure – as you may have heard in the news – so while it is a challenging situation, we are not alone. We'll re-open fully as soon as we can and will let you know when this is via e-mail and our website.

What we'll continue doing while your child is at home

Your child's learning is of course important to us, so we'll continue to help your child to learn. They can continue with their usual homework that will be set on Show My Homework. In addition to their standard homework your child can complete further tasks on the websites listed below:

Maths – www.hegartymaths.com

Science – www.educake.co.uk

Languages - www.vocabexpress.com or www.pearsonactivelearn.com

General – www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize

If your child has forgotten their login details for any of these websites please email info@reigate-school.surrey.sch.uk. You will receive a more detailed letter tomorrow giving information about how we will continue education remotely over the coming weeks.

If your child usually receives free school meals we will also be in touch with more information about how we will continue to provide this, with support from a scheme that the government has just announced.

What we won't be able to go ahead with

- All school trips are cancelled or postponed until further notice.
- All sports fixtures are cancelled or postponed until further notice.
- The school will not accept visitors to the school unless it is clearly in the best interest of the children. e.g. for medical reasons. This includes parent helpers.
- All staff meetings and training events with colleagues from other organisations have been cancelled, or will be held remotely.
- All governor and trustee meetings will be held remotely.

Cancellation of GCSEs in May and June

All GCSE examinations in May and June have been cancelled.

We do not know, at this stage, what the provision will be to compensate for this. It may be that children are required to sit them at a later stage, we therefore expect all year 11 children to continue to study as normal. We know that this is really disappointing and worrying for the children and parents, we will keep you informed of the arrangements as soon as we receive them from the DfE.

This is as much as we know right now and we appreciate your continued patience as we deal with this ever-changing situation. We understand that this latest news will have an impact on you and your family and it's far from ideal, but we'll continue to keep in touch with any updates as the situation develops.

If you want to get in touch to share any concerns, please don't hesitate to do so via email on info@reigate-school.surrey.sch.uk.

And remember: if you or your child feels ill and you want to know what to do next, please use [NHS 111 online](#).

Thank you again for your continued support, and we will be in touch with more information when we can.

Yours sincerely



Mr Alexander
Head of School