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Dear Parents / 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 in the meantime if you could let us know if you think your child may fall into one of these categories. Please email: daveran.l@wintertoncommunityacademy.co.uk. We will be in touch again as soon as we are sure who this does apply to.

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 by text alert and written communication on our school 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.

To support continued learning at home all students have access to SAM Learning and a range of other online resources. All departments have set specific focused work and of course, you can use SAM Learning independently too. In addition, all subject areas have created 'folders' of work on the school shared area. Students can access this work by logging in to their school account via the home access plus platform. If you cannot access the internet, or would prefer paper based resource packs of work, please contact Mrs Dalowsky via email: dalowsky.a@wintertoncommunityacademy.co.uk **by 1.00 p.m. on Friday 20th March 2020.**

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

At this moment in time, all future school events are cancelled until further notice. This includes camps, trips and visits.

The government have also announced that there will be no internal or external examinations in England this summer. This includes SATs, A Levels and GCSE's. At this stage, we are awaiting further guidance from the government about how Year 11 students will be awarded qualification. Please do not worry about this, we will write to Year 11 students separately, in due course, to provide further clarity and detail.

This is as much as we know right now and we appreciate your continued patience with us 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.

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.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'K. Rowlands', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

K. Rowlands
Headteacher