

### 19.3.20

#### Dear Parents and Carers of Year 7,8,9 & 10 students

Following on from the Government announcement last night we will be sadly closed after school tomorrow (Friday 20 March 2020) until further notice. All students will have informed of this via assemblies today. We will however, be delivering an educational programme to all students in Year 7 to 10 who are:

- Children of keyworkers
- Vulnerable children including:
  - children with EHCPs
  - Looked after Children
  - Children with a named social worker

A separate email is being issued to parents/carers for whom we have identified vulnerable students.

We would be grateful if parents could complete the following on-line survey if they think they are included in the keyworker group **by 6pm tonight Thursday 19 March** – to enable us to effectively plan for next week.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/whscovid19>

Our intention is to open over the Easter break period for all those in the defined groups but the plans for this will be communicated over the coming days, once we have a sense of numbers involved.

The situation is as you expect, fluid and we appreciate further announcements will be issued and we will communicate as soon as we are able.

Key messages for those students who will be home based from Monday are as follows:

- Whilst students are at home, we are expecting them to follow their normal timetable. All work will be set through ShowMyHomework. In many cases, blocks of work have been set that will take students a significant period of time to complete.
- A significant amount of work has also been set on SAM Learning, in a range of subjects. This is in addition to the tasks in ShowMyHomework. Students should be able to work independently through this.
- Staff will be on hand “virtually” to continually update our learning materials and respond to student queries – however, due to staffing constraints we may not reply to communication immediately – please do bear with us.
- We have provided all students with a reading book and we would encourage a minimum of 60 minutes reading per day. Literacy is and will always be a key focus.
- If your child doesn't have any access to IT facilities please email [workfromhome@worthinghigh.net](mailto:workfromhome@worthinghigh.net)
- All students who are home working should not come into school unless the following apply:
  - If your son/daughter requires an exercise book/paper to complete work at home we will hold supplies in main reception. These can be collected after 9.00am and before 13.30. However, please ensure no one who is self-isolating for medical reasons comes onto the school site.

- Pupils should all be taking home all exercises books for all their subjects, however if your son/daughter needs a specific text book please email [workfromhome@worthinghigh.net](mailto:workfromhome@worthinghigh.net) and we may be able to arrange for one to be collected from main reception from 09.00-13.30. However, please ensure no one who is self-isolating for medical reasons comes onto the school site.
- We will be issuing Luncheon Vouchers for the next 2 weeks to all Year 7,8,9 & 10 Free School Meal students who are not attending school. The issuing arrangements for this will be communicated shortly. This will be reviewed as more information is provided from the Government and WSCC.

The current pandemic situation is changing daily and we appreciate your patience and support at this time.

Kind regards

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