

19 March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

**RE: CORONAVIRUS UPDATE – SCHOOL CLOSURE TO MOST STUDENTS**

Following on from my last update, I am 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, fire service, care home staff, teachers and delivery drivers) 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 Mrs Wendy Sanders at ([office@chacademy.co.uk](mailto:office@chacademy.co.uk)) by 10.00am on Friday 20 March if you feel this applies to you. We will then be in touch with you directly as to the programme of study that we are setting up in school for next week and beyond.

All other students will need to stay at home, so we ask that you do not send your child into school from Monday onwards. We are busily preparing work and guidance on how studying from home will take place and this will be circulated before the end of the day tomorrow.

In the past days and with your support we have made sure that as many students as possible can access their email accounts and their Show My Homework details. Parents can also access the SMHW details - there will shortly be guidance on our website on how to do this.

Please note that this is a national closure, as you may have heard in the news, and while it is a challenging situation, we are not alone. We will re-open fully as soon as we can and will let you know when this is to be.

Your child's learning is of course important to us, so we will continue to help them to learn. Work will be set on SMHW and we are also, for older students in the first instance, using Microsoft Teams to help the learning to become a two way process. More details of these will follow.

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.

With the school closed for the majority of students, calendared events will not be going ahead. These include:

- Parents' evenings
- Trips
- Internal exams
- Extra-curricular activities

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 is far from ideal, but we will continue to keep in touch with any updates as the situation develops.

Please do remember that 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 K PATRICK  
Principal