



Friday 20th March 2020

Dear parents/guardians

Re: Coronavirus update

School closure

Following on from my letter yesterday, I'm now writing to reiterate that **we have been instructed to close the school to almost all children after today until further notice.**

The whole staff team is greatly saddened by this turn of events but we understand and fully support the government's reasons for this decision. The last week has been exceptionally challenging and I am immensely proud of the way that the students and staff have responded and supported each other. The young people of Dane Court are a credit to you. I would also like to express how much the staff team appreciate your support and many kind words.

As advised by the government, we will do all we can to supervise the children of key workers and children with certain needs.

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. During this period of closure all school-related activities and events are cancelled.

Online learning

Your child's learning is of course very important to us and we have been working hard over the last couple of weeks to prepare resources and activities to be used in the event of a school closure. Most work will be set via Google Classroom. Your daughter/son is very familiar with the Google suite and you will receive regular email notifications regarding the work. If you require ICT assistance please contact us through our [website](#). Please let us know as soon as possible if you have recently changed your contact details but not yet informed us of these changes.

I also remind you of our worksite that can be accessed through our website [here](#).

Public Examinations

On Wednesday the government confirmed that public exams will not take place this May and June. They have made assurances that students will be awarded the examination results that they deserve. We expect to hear further details in the coming days. For Year 13 students, the IB Organisation will make an announcement by Friday 27th March. We will contact you with details as soon as they are available.

Free School Meals

If your child usually receives free school meals you should receive information about the government's voucher scheme very soon.

Thank you

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 we'll continue to keep in touch with any updates as the situation develops.

Most importantly, look after yourselves 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 during this difficult time. We will be in touch with more information when we can.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Jones', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Martin Jones
Head of School