

**Mr Chris Thomas BSc**  
Headteacher

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Dear Parents/Carers

**Re: Coronavirus update – school closure to most pupils**

Following on from my last update, I am 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 that 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. You can do this by:

- Phoning the school
- Emailing the school using [office@lhea.org.uk](mailto:office@lhea.org.uk)
- Sending your son/daughter in with a signed note on Friday

We will be in touch again as soon as we are sure who falls into these categories.

**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 will re-open fully as soon as we can and will let you know when this is by a message on parent mail and on the 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 will continue to help your child to learn. This will be through use of Show My Homework, as has previously been explained. Paper copies of work will be available for collection on Friday and may well be available to collect once the school is officially closed – I will update you on that.

The most effective method of communication with your child's teachers during the closure will be via email. All teaching staff email addresses will be added to the school website.

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## Year 11 students

All that we know about GCSE exams is what Gavin Williamson said on Wednesday evening:

***We can confirm that we will not go ahead with assessments or exams ... We will work with the sector and Ofqual to ensure children get the qualifications they need***

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.

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.

If you want to get in touch to share any concerns, please do not hesitate to do so via [office@lhea.org.uk](mailto:office@lhea.org.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 faithfully,



Chris Thomas

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