



DRAYTON MANOR HIGH SCHOOL

19 March 2020

Head: Ms Lisa Mills MA

Dear Parents and Carers

The Secretary of State for Education has given a public statement that all state-funded schools in England will be closed from the end of the school day on Friday 20 March.

He has also stated that the GCSE and A-Level examinations due to take place this Summer, will not take place and that students will be credited for their learning in some other way.

Having stated that all schools would be closed, he has also indicated that they would be expected to remain open for the children of key workers and for those in various vulnerable categories to provide a safe place and access to meals. We are expecting a definition of key worker shortly.

Although we have been anticipating such an announcement, and prepared for various scenarios, the limited details so far released raises considerably more questions than answers. You will all have your own legitimate concerns and queries and we hope to publish our understanding to some frequently asked questions later today.

The Secretary of State gave no undertaking that schools would be expected to sustain a pattern of normal learning during the closure. However, you will be aware that we have moved to remote learning for years 9,10 and 12 from today with the other year groups to begin this approach from Monday 23 March.

I remind you that school remains open until Friday 20 March for all students in Years 7, 8, 11 and 13 and for parents who cannot arrange alternative child care. Students should continue to attend in accordance with the COVID-19 Public Health England guidance.

Free School Meals will be available each day between 10am and 11am for all eligible students. They should report to main reception.

We understand that this is a challenging time and we will continue to do our utmost to support our children and families. We are currently working to clarify as best we can what the announcement means for the school, for our students and for you. I anticipate providing more details later today.

Thank you for your support and for your patience in the meantime.

Regards

Ms Lisa Mills
Head