

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians/Carers,

Following on from our 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 20<sup>th</sup> March until further notice. **Students in school tomorrow (Years 11, 12 and 13) will be dismissed early at 12:20pm. Please arrange for your child to travel home at this time or be collected.**

**If your child has not been in school but has any perishable items left in a locker, please email [office@uptoncourtgrammar.org.uk](mailto:office@uptoncourtgrammar.org.uk) and let us know the locker number so this can be disposed of before school closes. Unfortunately, students in Years 7-10 will not be able to come on site to collect any belongings at this time.**

As you are aware the Government proposes to make provision for the children of key workers and children with certain needs (such as an Education Health Care Plan). We are waiting for the government and Local Authority to publish more information on what this means and how this will work across Slough. However, for planning purposes, we would like to collect data on how many families might require a school-based provision. The definitions we use may change following Government guidance.

If you are a parent/carer at the school AND all adult members of your household are key workers, then please complete the form here by 8:00am on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2020: [HERE](#)

For those pupils with certain needs, families will be contacted personally.

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 are able to do so and will let you know when this is via the website.

As you are aware the government also announced that the summer exams will not take place and they would work with schools to ensure the children get the qualifications they need. I know that this is a challenging and uncertain time for our students. Please reassure them and as soon we have more information about what this means we will let you know as a matter of urgency.

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

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. We are thinking of you and your families at this time. Take care and look after each other and those vulnerable in our community.

Yours faithfully,



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Headteacher