

19th March 2020

Dear Parents / Guardians / Carers

As I am sure you can appreciate, things are continuing to escalate for schools and as heads we are receiving information at the same time as the general public. I intend to send out further detailed information today or tomorrow, however, can you please note the following.

We are about to send out a questionnaire asking you to identify whether you are one of the key workers identified by the Government and whether you require us to continue to provide an education for your son over the coming months. If your son is in one of the other categories identified by the Government, such as he is in receipt of an EHCP, then we will also contact you today to determine what your intentions are.

If your son is a boarder then please halt all payments with immediate effect **unless** you are behind with your fee payments, or that you intend your son to return as he is in one of the categories identified by the Government. All boarders still need to remain home until the Easter holidays as per my initial communication, however, boarding will re-open for those students identified by the Government that schools need to provide an education for.

Please bear with us as we are putting emergency plans in place as the announcement from the Government yesterday was not what we were expecting.

One of my biggest disappointments is that we have not been able to say goodbye formally to Year 11 and I am hoping to hold a Leavers Service where boys will be invited back once everything has settled down.

Finally, the school will remain open for out-boarders tomorrow and Year 11 out-boarders are welcome to come in however, there will be no requirement for them to carry out formal work. They can also go home today with your permission. I intend the Minehead and Williton bus to leave at 4.00 pm.

As always, thank you for your patience.

Yours sincerely



Mark Thomas
Headteacher