



Our Ref: GJW/MLD

March 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Partial school closure due to Covid-19

Due to the ongoing impact of the coronavirus, I write to inform you that Healing School – A Science Academy is taking action to partially close the school. This partial closure will affect pupils in **Years 8 and 9 only** and will take effect **from Thursday 19th March 2020** and remain in place until the end of the week initially.

Please be reassured that the school is safe and we continue to follow government/Department for Education guidance. There are currently no confirmed cases in the school either. However, in order to maintain a safe environment for pupils and sufficient levels of staffing, the school needs to partially close.

The school will remain open for pupils in Years 7, 10 and 11 and they should attend as normal. However, should you be a parent/carer of a Year 8 or 9 pupil who either works in the Health sector, the emergency services or in a school and you cannot arrange alternative provision for your child, please contact the school, as bespoke arrangements can be made for your child to attend, if required.

Work provision for Year 8 and 9

Work for a two-day period will be provided for pupils in Years 8 and 9. Instructions for this work will be communicated to parents via email and published on the website, in due course.

Free School Meals for pupils in Years 8 and 9

The school is still able to provide a Free School Meal for those pupils who are entitled. A sandwich bag will be available for collection from reception on Thursday 19th March and Friday 20th March 2020 between 11.30am and 12noon. Should your child be entitled to and require this provision, please contact the school by 9.30am each day to confirm your order.

Welfare and Safeguarding Support

We naturally still want to be able to offer support in terms of pupil and family welfare and support for safeguarding, therefore during this partial closure period, should you have any concerns please continue to directly contact the school.

The school will continue to follow advice for educational settings, published and updated by the Department for Education daily. Thank you again for your support and understanding during these circumstances. The well-being and safety of pupils and staff remains our highest priority.

Yours sincerely

Mrs M. Dewland
Principal