

19 March 2020

Dear students, parents and families,

Yesterday it was announced that schools across England will close at the end of the day on Friday 20 March 2020. However children of 'key workers' and certain other vulnerable children are able to continue to attend in order to support communities and reduce pressure on the NHS and public services. I have summarised some key information we know to date:

Identifying Key Workers

Within college we hold very little information about the roles our parents play in this situation. If you heard yesterday's announcement you will know how important it is that only these children remain in college. We must also remember that many of our staff have children who will need their parent at home, reducing further our capacity. We ask you to complete the form emailed out to all parents today which asks for details of parent's professions and places of work - we need this information returned to us by Friday lunchtime should you wish a place for your child at college next week.

Supporting our potentially most vulnerable families

Today we have written to the families of children in receipt of free school meals to organise food delivery parcels, should they wish to receive them. Families in our college who are supported by external agencies or with whom we have worked very closely due to a variety of vulnerabilities will be contacted by college staff on a regular basis throughout the period of closure.

Safeguarding

If you have a safeguarding concern during this period of closure please would you contact safeguard@fromecollege.org our safeguarding team will monitor this regularly. If you have any general or pastoral concerns please contact your Head of House by email as normal. If your concern is urgent, contact the police or children's social care.

Exams and home study

We can expect changes to be taking place to GCSE examinations – we do not have the full detail of this yet, other than Mr Johnson stating "Exams will not take place as planned but we want to ensure children get the qualifications that they need and deserve." Exam boards and Teaching Unions are working closely with Government to establish exactly how this will look. We ask that you keep informed yourselves through the official exam board websites and we will also keep you as up to date as we possibly can. We absolutely appreciate what an incredibly difficult and anxious time this is for year 11 and year 13 students and we will do everything within our power to support you with the right information, as it is released to us.

We have prepared a full guide for parents which outlines work set and gives some guidance on how to support your child's learning at home. We expect every student to work a full college day and keep to college timings whilst they are studying at home. All work is on FROG and all students without internet access will have work posted or given to them by 3pm tomorrow.



On **Friday 20 March only year 9, 11 and 13 students will be in college** and it shall be a **non-uniform day** with students bringing, where possible, a donation of tinned food for the community food bank.

Finally, as always, I wish you and your families the very best.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "E. Reynolds".

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