

Dear Parents and Carers,

School Closure – For all but children of key workers and some defined groups

As you will be aware, the school has been instructed to close from 3pm on Friday 20th March for an undetermined length of time for all but the children of key workers and some defined groups.

We understand that this will be distressing for students and families, not least our exam groups. We will do all we can to keep you updated on any change in instructions or clarification regarding GCSE and A level grades and cannot speculate at this time based on the limited information available. We do know that examinations will not be taken this summer and we will do all in our power to ensure that students are rewarded fairly, to reflect their hard work.

How we will keep learning from home

- All students have a school email account and should be viewing their emails daily.
- Students that do not have access to the internet can collect a paper-based pack from the school office.
- All students should follow their normal timetable at home; teachers will be available and communicate with classes by email at the normal lesson time.

Teachers will be providing work by email. The normal expected standards of conduct will be expected of students engaging with teachers.

Where practicable, teachers will endeavour to give feedback in line with our school assessment policy; some work set will be research or self-marked tasks, with some needing uploading for a teacher assessment.

Students should check their **email** each morning to ensure they are aware of any cover lessons.

Students in receipt of free school meals

The government announced a voucher scheme on Wednesday, as details of this scheme are released, we will be in touch with all families in receipt of free school meals with details of how to access vouchers.

We understand that this letter may raise questions – please direct these to office@groveschool.net and we will respond in line with our communication guidance.

Thank you for your understanding and support at this unprecedented time.

Mrs Sonia Taylor
Headteacher



Chromebooks 1:1 device programme

During the closure you can log calls directly with Getech for warranty and insurance repairs. Helpdesk Number is 01473 243488 or email helpdesk@getech.co.uk

Resource Provision

Staff and students will be following the normal school timetable. Students will be expected to log on to their emails where staff will be informing them about what they need to do for that virtual lesson. Students are to complete all work set and follow the guidance from their teachers. There is also an information sheet on our web site for useful internet links that teachers will be using. Finally, if homes do not have internet connection, physical packs of work have been given to students and are available on our web site or from reception.

Years 7, 8 and 9

Work for these students will continue to follow the plans for the rest of the year, so as to best minimise disruption when they return.

Year 10

It is especially important that Year 10 students remember that they are currently studying for their GCSE's. If recent events are a timely reminder of anything, it is the importance of making the most of opportunities whilst we can. The work provided for students is structured carefully to support ongoing development.

It is important that students remember to email teachers during their usual lesson time for support. Please also note that work experience placements will not be taking place until further notice.

Year 11

At this time, we do not know the final decision regarding final assessments and grades. To ensure we are prepared for every outcome, it is important that Year 11 continue to follow their programme of study. We appreciate that this will be a very worrying time for students, but they should feel reassured that the work they are being provided with will continue to develop the skills and knowledge they will need. Teachers remain available via email to support.

Year 12

It is essential that students maintain their usual work standards and fully engage in the work they are directed to complete at home. Where possible students should maintain their usual timetable and in study lessons complete the independent learning tasks their subjects have advised. Teachers will be available via email to help support students and will expect work to be sent to them regularly (written work can be photographed and attached). If at any point you or the students themselves feel that they have not been set sufficient work it is essential that they contact their subject teachers and, if necessary, Mr Rayner or Mrs Hulland.

The end of Year 12 exams usually sat in June will now take place in September and will remain as an assessment of student performance and if courses are still appropriate. They should therefore be mindful of this and prepare for these exams as directed by their teachers. We will still be offering an additional qualification that students could opt to complete – the EPQ (Extended Project Qualification). Mr Rayner will be delivering the introduction and initial stages of this via email and this will allow students to begin working on their projects from home. Please also be advised that work experience placements are cancelled.

Year 13

We are yet to receive official guidelines on how final grades will be awarded. If students have any outstanding coursework (NEA or Cambridge Technical Assessments) these *could* still provide evidence of potential performance. Students should check emails regularly for the work provided by their teachers and any updates we might have. Students with university applications should continue to manage them as normal. UCAS have advised that if students have not made their choices for university that they avoid making knee-jerk decisions but consider their options as they usually would. Students who will be seeking apprenticeship opportunities will have access to our full support.

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Compass	0345 678 9021
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Parenting team	01743 250950
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