

**Update: 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2020**

## **School shutdown**

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to update you on the school's responses to the latest direction from the Prime Minister and Department for Education. You'll appreciate that as a result of a fast moving situation with the Coronavirus pandemic, decisions are being made without advance warning to schools, hence we are reviewing and updating our plans regularly.

As it stands:

- The school will close on Friday at 12:10 until further notice. Pupils in receipt of free school meals will be able to collect a packed lunch on departure.
- Pupils will be set work via Show My Homework and other online platforms.
- Pupils in year 7, 8 and 9 can collect an exercise book in which to complete their work from the front of school or reception at any time today until 4pm and tomorrow until 12 pm. Alternatively, pupils can use their own materials/books to record their work.
- The school will remain in regular contact with families, and in particular, those of children who need additional support.
- The school will work to reduce the economic impact of the closure on the external providers we depend on during normal operation.
- Year 11 pupils will not sit GCSE examinations, however there is some suggestion that grades will be awarded in August. It is difficult to imagine a fair system of this being done, but these are extraordinary times and we await further details regarding these plans.
- The school is contacting pupils with EHCPs and other needs to discuss specific support we might offer.
- We are considering what provision could be put in place next week for parents who work in maintaining essential public services and need support with childcare. This may mean working with another school to share provision.

This provision will be subject to the availability of staff and any additional restrictions on movement announced by the government. If you believe you are in this category and are unable to make arrangements to look after your child, please email [info@compass-schools.com](mailto:info@compass-schools.com) or telephone the school at **02035426506 today by 6pm** stating:

- Child's name and year
- Your job title
- Employer's address

Please see latest NHS guidance <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>:

I will endeavour to keep you as informed as possible in the coming days. Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'M' followed by a horizontal line that tapers to the right.

Marcus Huntley  
**Principal**