



18th March 2020 – 18:45hrs

Latest school response to the statement made by the Secretary of State for Education this afternoon

Dear Parent / Carer,

SCHOOL CLOSURE

Following tonight's announcement by the Education Secretary (Wednesday 18th March 2020), we are beginning our preparations to close the school with effect from the end of the school day on Friday 20th March 2020. The school will then be closed to the vast majority of pupils until further notice.

The Education Secretary stated that the school will only remain open for vulnerable pupils, including those with Education Health and Care Plans, as well as those subject to statutory child protection procedures. As soon as we have more information and/or clarification on this matter we will communicate this. If you are a parent/carer who works in 'Frontline Service', and will require your children to still attend school, please let us know by email info@woodham.org.uk

FORTHCOMING EXAMINATIONS

The Prime Minister, in his Press Conference, stated that the forthcoming examination season will not take place as planned. We have not received any further detail on this matter. However, when such information is available, we will communicate this. We are conscious that this will cause increased anxiety amongst pupils in Year 11 and I will speak to the year group tomorrow.

WARNING: FREE SCHOOL MEALS SCAM

Parents of pupils entitled to Free School Meals please note that we have been advised of an email scam currently circulating in the Local Authority. The email states 'As schools will be closing, if you're entitled to free school meals, please send your bank details and we'll make sure you're supported'. This is a scam email and is not from the local authority. If you receive any emails like this, please DO NOT respond and DELETE it immediately.

Thank you all for your continued support and I anticipate a number of updates throughout the remainder of the week.

Yours sincerely,

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