



Kents Hill Park School

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School closure week beginning 23rd March 2020

19th March 2020

Dear Parent/Carers and Pupils,

As you will be aware, school will close on Friday 20th March 2020 for an indefinite period of time. We will remain open today (19th March) and Friday (20th March) to Year 7, Year 3 and Year 4. The announcement from central government yesterday evening made it very clear that it will be closing schools to the vast majority of pupils. Schools have now been asked to play a different and vital role in the national effort to tackle the Coronavirus.

From Monday 23rd March, schools are being asked to open to provide care for pupils whose parents or carers are key workers and vulnerable pupils. This is an entirely different role for schools and school staff. It is primarily about care, not education.

The school will be open on Monday at 8:30am for the children of key workers. We are still awaiting the government's full definition of key workers, and once we have this, the school will be communicating with you to help us to draw up a list of children who may be in school and require childcare. The school will also be open for a small number of specifically identified children.

If your child has an Education Health Care Plan (EHCP) or a social worker, we will be contacting you directly to ascertain your need.

To help with staffing, the provision for primary pupils will be at the secondary school. Please drop and collect your children through main reception at the secondary site at the usual times.

Please be aware that once we have identified those pupils we are expecting in school from Monday 23rd March, we may need to review our childcare offer over the next weeks and months due to the impact on staffing capacity, and because we may be able to offer a centralised service through Kingsbridge Educational Trust. We will communicate any changes if and when they happen.

For the vast majority of parents and pupils, school will be closed. We will do all that we can to support you and your children to continue learning at home. Information detailing our home curriculum offer will be communicated to you in due course; however, we have already sent home a home learning pack for primary children and uploaded materials on to the VLE for our secondary pupils.

As a parent, I can fully understand the confusion and questions this announcement will have caused. At this extremely difficult time, I want to reassure you that we will do everything we can as a school to support your child moving forward and I would like to thank all pupils for the incredible hard work that they have been putting into their learning. As soon as we have any further details I will share these with you.

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Thank you for your patience and support. All schools are dealing with a very dynamic situation, as is the rest of society. We will keep communicating on a regular basis and at this unprecedented time I want to wish each and every one of you our support and best wishes.

Yours faithfully



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