

Thursday 19th March 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

As you will know, we are all facing extraordinary and difficult times. Here at NUSA we have been doing everything we can to try to keep our school open. We have been delighted with the resilience and determination that both the staff and students have shown and thank you all for the fact that you have kept us updated with any issues pertaining to your child.

As you may be aware, the Government made several very important announcements yesterday evening (Wednesday 18th March 2020) about schools. As further details trickle in from the Government I will update you as quickly as I can.

We will be open tomorrow (20/03/20) for Year 7 and Year 11 students ONLY. We will close at 12:30pm to all students. Students in Year 7 and Year 11 will be able to have lunch in school before returning home.

The Government has advised all schools in England to close, except for certain groups of children, by Friday 20th March in the afternoon as a further measure to prevent the spread of Covid-19. No date has been set for when schools will re-open for all students.

The Government is asking schools to offer provision to the following groups of students:

- Children who parents are frontline key workers. We are awaiting publication of this list from the Government.
- Those classed as 'vulnerable' children. These are classified as children who have a social worker or those with EHCPs.

It is vital that you inform us as soon as possible if you believe you fall into the 'frontline key worker' category. We have provided a link on our website to a survey which you can complete. This survey asks you to indicate whether you will be sending your child in to school on Monday or not. In line with Government guidance, in two parent families both parents need to be key workers. Please can you complete this survey by 12pm on Friday 20th March so that we are able to plan our staffing accordingly. Please complete one survey per child. The survey will be available from 7am tomorrow morning (20/03/20).

The link for children of key workers is as follows:

www.nusa.org.uk

We will not be able to have any children other than those who fulfil the categories above on our school site whilst we are in partial closure. Students will not be able to come in to school to collect items and therefore, if they feel they are missing key work from staff, they will be able to send an email directly to their individual teachers to seek support. We will continue with our current work setting arrangements via our website for now, but I will be providing you with more details on Microsoft 'Teams' early next week. If you require paper copies of work for your child, please collect from reception between the hours of 8:30am and 3pm.

Free School Meals

The Government are yet to release a solid plan on the provision of free school meals to children who require them. At NUSA, we understand how important the provision of free school meals can be for families. We are therefore proposing that we offer 'food parcels' to children who are in receipt of free school meals. If you would like to collect a food parcel for your child(ren), please complete the survey link on the school website by 12pm on Friday 20th March. Any submissions after this time will unfortunately mean that we are not able to provide the parcel. We will provide parents who request a food parcel with further details on how/where to collect the parcel. The survey will be available from 7am tomorrow morning (20/03/20).

The link for Free School meals parcels is as follows:

www.nusa.org.uk

I thank you all for your understanding and patience during this difficult time.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'E Howard', written in black ink.

Emma Howard
Head of School