



19th March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Temporary Closure of Hanwell Fields Community School

As you will be aware, the Government has announced that all schools in England will close temporarily for the vast majority of children from end of the day on Friday 20th March.

It is with deep regret that we have to close our doors to the vast majority of our children. This decision has been taken on the advice of medical and scientific experts in order to manage the spread of COVID-19 and relieve pressure on the health system.

From Monday 23rd March, most pupils' education will continue from home.

By the end of this week we will send you specific details of how this will operate. We have prepared well for these circumstances so that all pupils can continue their education from home during the closure. I am extremely grateful to all our staff for the way in which they have taken on this challenge.

Hanwell will, however, remain open for two specific groups of pupils:

- Those whose parents are defined as key workers (eg employed in the NHS, emergency services or elements of the food supply chain). We are awaiting further clarification on which roles constitute key workers
- Those who are particularly vulnerable.

We have sent out an online form enabling you to advise us if you think your family will be in the key worker category. Please can you let us know by 10 am on Friday 20th March via the form sent. We will then get back to you with further information.

We will be identifying those pupils who are in the second category ie vulnerable and will be contacting parents and carers separately to confirm their child's attendance. If you believe your child falls into this latter category and you have not heard from us by 10 am on Friday 20th March please contact us.

The Government has also decided that no external exams will take place this academic year and SATS will therefore not be going ahead. We will likewise be ensuring that Year 6 pupils' transition to secondary school will be handled appropriately and, in due course, I will update parents fully on this.

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Over the next few days we will be in a position to update you further and provide additional information on ways we will be able to support your child during this time.

We are entering times of further uncertainty, speculation and concern and our responsibility as a school, like yours as a parent, is to give our children the learning, support and reassurance that they will need in the coming weeks.

We will continue to update parents on a regular basis with important information as we receive it. We will continue to communicate with you by email but please do regularly check on the school's website.

Thank you for your continued support and for working with us in the weeks ahead.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Caroline Bond', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Caroline Bond
Headteacher