



Dear Parents and Carers

Following my email to you all last night I can confirm that we, along with all schools in the country, are closing. The first day of the school closure will be Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2020.

Until yesterday we had envisioned any closure would last for one or two weeks but it is now clear that this will be for longer and indeed could continue until September 2020. This will mean that in the coming weeks we will have to develop our original plans for setting work so that they are suitable and effective for a longer period of time. At this stage I want to update you on a number of key issues:

- 1) As the prime minister indicated last night the vast majority of students will be at home as this is the purpose of closing schools. However, we will remain open to provide supervision for a small number of vulnerable students or students whose parents are key workers.
  - We are told that we will be sent a definition of who key workers are later on today. As soon as we have this we will contact all parents with more information on this.
  - Vulnerable students are defined by the government as students who have an Educational Health Care Plan or who are supported by a social worker. Helen Frost Briggs will be writing to the parents of these vulnerable students later today.
- 2) We have had no guidance yet on the process by which students in Year 11 and Year 13 will be awarded grades. When we do we will make sure yourselves and students are informed. Until then we will continue to set work for these students in line with our [contingency plan](#). This will also be a good opportunity for students to complete any areas of the courses that they have not yet covered.
- 3) We will set work from Monday in line with the [original contingency plan](#) we set out to you a few weeks ago. We will run with this for the two weeks before Easter. After Easter our priority will be to ensure that we set work that means that students in Years 7,8,9,10 and 12 do not fall behind and are ready to continue their studies in September. Indeed, this will be crucial for Years 10 and 12. We will also start to think about work that we can set for Year 11 students to help them prepare for any A-Level courses they will be taking in September. I understand that universities may start to provide work for Year 13 students who will be starting with them in September.
- 4) During the closure the school office will remain open and will monitor phone calls and emails to [office@kimberleyschool.co.uk](mailto:office@kimberleyschool.co.uk) throughout the school day.
- 5) We are starting to think about how we can maintain contact with you and the students throughout the school closure. We are a community and we will do all that we can to retain that sense of community during this difficult time.

Finally, I am really grateful that so many of you have taken the time to contact us and thank us for the work that we are doing. This school is successful because of the great children that you send us and the great staff that I get to work with. In these incredible times your children have been an absolute credit to you and we can all be very proud of them.

Kind regards.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'A George'.

Andrew George  
Head Teacher