

Dear Parent/Carer,

The government have announced the all schools will be closed from Friday 20th March. The Moat Staff have worked incredibly hard to prepare for this eventuality and I pay tribute to their hard work, commitment and effort. We recognise that this open-ended school closure must be a cause of great concern.

Thursday 19th and Friday 20th March

On Thursday 19th of March Years 10 and 11 will be issued with a set of written work and instructions for online working. They will **not** attend school on Friday 20th March.

Years 7, 8 and 9 should come into school on Friday 20th March between the times shown below to be issued with a set of written work and instructions for online working. They will not be going to any lessons and do not need to wear school uniform. Students will only be on the school site for about 20 minutes during the following times:

Year 9: Between 9am and 10.30am

Year 8: Between 11am and 12.30pm

Year 7: Between 1.30pm and 3.00pm

Monday 23th March onwards

Students will be working at home, either on the written work issued or using on-line material. Staff will be supporting all their classes via email or using the school network. We will endeavour to provide as much support as possible. However, I must ask you to recognise that many staff having caring responsibilities for their own children or other relatives.

Online Resources

On a daily basis, staff will be supporting all students with their learning at home. School work and activities will be published on Microsoft Teams, Maths Watch and GCSEPod.

GCSEPod is a new resource suitable for all year groups. A help sheet to get students started is included with this letter.

Students are expected to complete all the work set by their teachers and respond to the feedback given. We encourage you to work with your child by monitoring the completion and submission of the work set. The students will be receiving emails on a daily basis from their teachers and form tutors; please encourage this communication as good learning habits need to be established. Students know all the necessary passwords.

For any technical issues in accessing online material, you can email the teacher directly or use of technical support team by emailing us on support.itsm@moat.leicester.sch.uk.

Free School Meals

If your son/daughter is entitled to free school meals we will be contacting you separately about how we will be supporting you, please check texts and emails. We will be giving you this information in the coming days.

Year 11 GCSE Exams and Year 10 Early Entry English Literature

The government has stated that this year's GCSE exams will not go ahead in May/June. We recognise the upset that will cause to our students and their families. The government has not yet clarified what will happen in relation to the exams/award of grades. We are recommending that Year 11 and Year 10 early entry English Literature students must continue to revise, until we are given absolute conformation concerning Department for Education intentions.

Student Support

We would like to make you aware of the contact details of support agencies available during time not at school.

NSPCC helpline - 0808 800 5000

NSPCC email - hrlp@nspcc.org.uk

Childline telephone number - 0800 1111

Moat Community College – 0116 262 5705

Children of Key WorkersAs I am sure you are aware schools are asked to remain open for key categories of workers. These consist of health workers, police officers, supermarket delivery drivers and workers who look after the vulnerable and elderly in a professional capacity. If you feel that one of these categories applies, and you would like your child to remain at school during this closure, please could you check the latest Government advice for eligibility. The school can also offer provision to pupils who have an Education and Health Care Plan and any child who has a social worker assigned.

We would expect your child to attend every day, all day, unless they become ill or you wish to cease this service. In either of these cases we would expect you to contact the school.

Please can we make you aware that catering facilities will not be available, but provisions will be in place for those in receipt of free school meals. We would expect pupils to attend in full school uniform and would continue to follow the behaviour expectations of the school.

In order to ensure that we fully safeguard children we need to know in advance whether you wish your child to attend. If you meet the criteria described above and would like to take advantage of the provision offered, can you contact the main office to confirm your child's attendance next week, by 3.00pm on Friday 20th March 2020.

The next few weeks and months...

Thank you for your patience and support of the school during this very difficult time. We offer you and your families our very best wishes in the coming months. We hope to play our part in supporting our families and community. Please contact the school if you have any questions or concerns and we will do our best to help you.

Yours etc.