

Dear Parents / Carers,

Thank you for your support over the last few days which have been very challenging for everyone. Our students have been fabulous and have responded very maturely to the very unsettling set of circumstances. We are particularly proud of how Years 11 and 13 have responded to the news of the cancellation of their examinations.

From 3.30pm this afternoon the school is officially closed to the majority of students until further notice. However, the Government expects schools to provide supervision for the children of Key Workers; if one parent is a Key Worker, the Government will expect the other parent to care for their child at home.

If you possibly can, you should be keeping your child at home to keep them in isolation and safe as directed by the Government; we also have an obligation as an employer to minimise the number of staff required in school.

If you are in one of the likely Key Worker categories and need the school to provide supervision for your child because you have no other option, we will require:

Your name	
Your most up to date contact details	
Evidence of each parent's/carer's job role	<i>Please attach relevant documents</i>
Name of employer and contact details (for verification)	
Student's name & Year Group	
Whether your child will require School Transport	

Although the definitive list of Key Workers from the Government is yet to be published, School Transport are asking us to provide the names of students requiring transport by tomorrow to enable them to make the necessary plans. Therefore, please send this information to: office@persshore.worcs.sch.uk by 10.00am on Friday 20th March.

We will also provide supervision for vulnerable children, if required. Government advice is that this group includes children who have a Social Worker or an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP). Should your child need to be supervised as they are vulnerable, please contact: office@persshore.worcs.sch.uk

Students who fall into any of the categories above will be able to attend school on Monday from 9.00am - 3.30pm and will not need to wear school uniform. For safeguarding reasons we will have to create a register so only those pre-registered to attend will be allowed in school.

Students who are supervised in school will be completing the learning provided for all students via ePraise; this will be published for all students ready for Monday. Lunch will be available for purchase in the usual way, staffing permitting.

According to the published arrangements for Free School Meals students we will provide a daily meal for those students in school and other arrangements will be made for eligible students who are not in school. I will those eligible as soon as we have further information.

I spoke to all students who were in school through a series of Assemblies to encourage them to follow the guidance we receive from the Government to help control the spread of the COVID-19 virus, look after themselves and support their families and vulnerable members of their community where advice allows.

Once again, thank you for your support; I wish you well during this challenging time and will update you as and when further information becomes available.

Yours faithfully,

Phil Hanson