

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Coronavirus update Year 7 – school closure to students

Following on from my last update, I'm now writing to let you know that **we have now been instructed to close the school to almost all children after this Friday 20th March until further notice.**

As advised by the government, we will do all we can to stay open for the children of key workers (e.g. NHS staff, police, others in frontline services) and children who are classified as vulnerable. The audit has already been shared with you to inform the school of your need if you fall in this category.

All other children will need to stay at home, so we ask that you do not send your child into school from Monday 23rd onwards.

What we'll continue doing while your child is at home

Our advice is to try to follow the published school timetable to ensure the continuation of a broad and balanced curriculum. Your child's learning is of course important to us, so we'll continue to help your child to learn; where possible teachers will be available during the time that the lessons are delivered. Teachers will respond to messages via the google classroom, but please be patient as our capacity will be limited.

- 1) Lessons will be posted on Google classroom which may include tasks to complete on other learning platforms.
- 2) Study Packs of key material from this Spring term have been provided; this is to support students without internet access or as an alternative to online work.

You will find an outline of the work that each department is setting on the website.

Students have been emailed information about websites and login information. Here are some useful sites:

- <https://Senecalearning.com>
- <https://quizlet.com/en-gb>
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>

Further resources can be found on the Homework Help tab on the school website.

Our expectation is that all students complete the set work during this time to reduce the impact of the lost learning time.

If your child usually receives free school meals the local authority is working with the government to facilitate this. Once this provision is clear, it will be communicated to you.

We understand that this latest news will have an impact on you and your family and it's far from ideal, but we'll continue to keep in touch with any updates as the situation develops. Please refer to the **COVID-19 tab** on the school website which will be regularly updated as appropriate.

If you want to get in touch to share any concerns, please don't hesitate to do so via contact@amsi.school.

And remember: if you or your child feels ill and you want to know what to do next, please use [NHS 111 online](#).

Thank you again for your continued support, and we will be in touch via the website, school app and twitter to communicate key messages as the situation is changing on a daily basis hence we appreciate your support at this difficult time. As a school we have been significantly affected by the impact of COVID-19 and it is anticipated that this will continue as the pandemic follows through its trajectory.

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