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20th March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

I'm sure you are aware of the Government announcement regarding school closures. We are writing to communicate how we are planning the days and weeks ahead to meet the needs of all our students.

Please be aware these are subject to Government change but cover the period from Monday 23rd March until the Easter break (Friday 3rd April).

At the end of today (Friday 20th March), Ravenshall School will be closed to pupils for 3 days (Monday 23rd, Tuesday 24th & Wednesday 25th).

On Monday we will ask our staff to work from home so that the Leadership Team can undertake initial planning. On Tuesday and Wednesday, staff will be in school to plan the provision based upon the most recent information and guidelines from the Government.

As of today (Friday 20th March), Government guidance states;

“Special schools, colleges and local authorities are advised to make case by case basis assessments of the health and safeguarding considerations of pupils and students on an education, health and care (EHC) plan. For some, they will be safer in an education provision. For others, they will be safer at home. We trust leaders and parents to make these decisions and will support them as required.”

Additionally, guidance states;

“The Government has asked parents to keep their children at home, wherever possible, and asks schools to remain open only for those children who absolutely need to attend”

Over these 3 days we will contact families to inform them of the provision we can offer their child. We have identified the most vulnerable pupils based on our own intelligence and multi-agency advice.

Additionally, we will be requesting information about parents who are classed as key workers, using the definitions laid out by the Government.

From Thursday (26th March), until the Easter holiday (Friday 3rd April), we aim to offer a creative provision which is dependent on numbers of staff present in school. For pupils self-isolating at home, we will offer virtual learning activities and bespoke pastoral support, to be agreed with each family.

We must be very clear that this provision is subject to change. It will be reviewed daily to consider staffing capacity, medical needs and the overall ability to meet specific needs of pupils.

The safety and wellbeing of our pupils is paramount and is the leading consideration in all our planning and arrangements.

These are unprecedented times, and we will endeavour to keep you informed of our plans.

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