

Principal: Emma Robins



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Dear Parent / Carer,

As you know, from Monday 23rd March school is closed. This is with the exception of the children of 'key workers', those with SEN needs and for the vulnerable. 'Key workers' are defined as those who, if they failed to attend work, the current coronavirus situation could not be controlled.

Currently the list of 'key workers' has not been published by the government. Please follow the media for the exact details and as soon as it is confirmed we will publish it on our web site (www.grahamschool.org). However, we believe that the following workers will be on the list: all hospital staff, all NHS workers (regardless of location), emergency workers, delivery drivers, social care workers, care workers and school staff.

Key workers who cannot find care for their children, will be able to send their children to school. Children who would be vulnerable if left at home, should also attend school. **It is advised that children in Year 7, unless supervised by someone over 15 should come to school and not be at home alone but it is your decision as a parent / carer to decide whether a child is safe alone or not.**

The government have asked that if you are able to care for your child at home, you should do so. Equally if you feel they are safe to stay at home, they should do so.

Children attending school will not need to wear school uniform, but will be issued with a lanyard for identification purposes. The school day will be as normal, starting at 8:40 and closing at 15:00. Children should use the visitor entrance and sign in each day. Please note, a normal curriculum will not be running, our commitment is to keeping your child safe. We are planning a mixed programme of activities each day so your child will need to bring their PE kit / sportswear to school every day please. The canteen will operate as normal. NYCC and Shoreline buses have confirmed transport will still be in place.

During the weeks we are closed, your child should not be socialising with friends and should, where possible, limit activity outside the home to essential tasks only – in short they should stay at home. The government also remind us that we should limit unnecessary travel and we should try to ensure we allow those who are elderly or infirm to self-isolate. Therefore, elderly relatives should not be carers for your child at this time.

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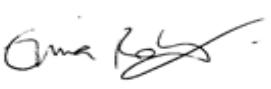
Any child in receipt of Free School Meals, but who does not fit the criteria to be in school, can attend school each day (including the Easter break) between 8:30 and 9:30 to collect breakfast and a grab bag for lunch. They will be allowed to eat breakfast in the dining hall before leaving the site to return home.

In order to plan for school next week, we are asking you to provide us with some information regarding your child. **Will your child be in school next week?** Please go to the school website www.grahamschool.org and follow the link on the home page to complete the required details. Alternatively use the link here: <https://forms.gle/A6JkfcHcgyaJXdFb8>

It is really important that **all parents / carers** take the time to complete this 5 minute survey as soon as possible. **It is important that you do this even if you are keeping your child at home, preferably before the end of school on Friday.** This will ensure we know which children to expect in school and will allow us to plan suitable provision.

If your child arrives at school on Monday and we have **not** received a response from you, we will be making contact with you by phone, and those children who do not fit the criteria, set out by the government to be in school, will be sent home.

Thank you for your continued support,



Emma Robins
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