

19th March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

RE: Covid-19 Update

In Boris Johnson's update last night, he informed us that schools will close for all pupils who are not 'vulnerable', or children of 'key worker' families at the end of Friday 20th March.

We will be in touch with parents/carers directly who are meeting the government's definition of vulnerable.

More guidance on who qualifies as key worker families will be released later today. At this point we will contact all parents via text to request this information. **A prompt response by mid-day Friday will help us plan for next week.**

We are also awaiting further guidance from the government regarding how provision for free school meals will continue. If this affects you, we will be in touch directly when we have further information.

While we will be operating only a limited facility in school we will still be available to support you with any safeguarding concerns. The school's Designated Safeguarding Team can be contacted on the school email office@stclementshigh.org.uk.

Teachers have been preparing to provide work online. Please do let us know if you are unable to access online resources at home, and would require printed resources. Full details of how students can continue their education during the closure will be published on our website tomorrow.

I will write to you again tomorrow with an update, so that you are fully prepared for students who will be working at home, from Monday 23rd March. Please note the Government have advised that children should not be left with older grandparents or older relatives who may be particularly vulnerable to the Coronavirus.

Those students in year 11 will have many questions regarding their examinations. The Government is working on the detail of how this will work. We currently know that the examinations will not go ahead, the Government have said they will work with schools and other bodies to ensure students get the qualifications they need. We will write to you with further information once we have it.

Yours sincerely



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