



20 March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to update you on our plans going forward now that our school has closed to the majority of students.

Children of Critical Key Workers

Whilst we will be offering childcare facilities for a small group of children, it is essential that we heed the government's clear guidance on **self-isolation, household isolation and social-distancing**, in order to further limit the spread of COVID-19.

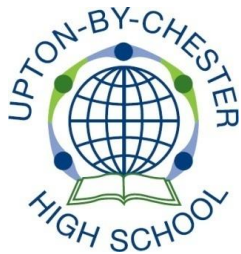
To this end, please note the following Department for Education guidance:

- Parents whose work is critical to the COVID-19 response include those who work in health and social care and in other key sectors. **Many parents working in these sectors may be able to ensure their child is kept at home - and every child who can be safely cared for at home should be**
- Schools are to remain open only for those children who absolutely need to attend
- This applies to children whose parents are critical to the Covid-19 response and cannot be safely cared for at home
- If it is at all possible for children to be at home, then they should be

Therefore, even if you are a Critical Key Worker, please do not send your child/ren to school from Monday if it is at all possible to keep them at home.

For the small number of students who have no alternative but to attend school, **and** whose parents/carers are Critical Key Workers, we have put in place the following arrangements:

- School will open from 8.30am-3.10pm; ***please note there will be no after school provision and school will close at 3.30pm.***
- Students should enter the school via the front door into the Main Reception and report to the main school hall
- Students will not be expected to wear uniform but they will need to wear practical clothing and have footwear suitable for some physical activity
- A rota of qualified staff has been arranged to supervise the childcare arrangements



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- Our code of conduct and expectations of acceptable behaviour will still apply, including the use of mobile phones
- We will offer a limited range of food options to purchase in the dining room, however you may prefer to provide a packed lunch and bottled water
- Students will still receive their free school meal if they are entitled to this
- Parents/carers will be responsible for transport to and from school
- The school will be closed from 3.30pm

We will continue to keep you updated on any developments as and when they become available

GCSE and A Level Students

We have said a somewhat emotional farewell to our wonderful year 11 and 13 students, and we wish them all the very best for the future. They are a credit to you and we feel immensely proud of them.

As soon as we receive further information about their qualifications we will of course let you know.

Years 10 and 12

We are particularly concerned about providing as much work as we can for these two key year groups, and staff will be busy 'topping up' the on-line resources for them.

If your child needs to contact a member of staff directly regarding any of the work set, please ensure that they only use their official school email to contact them directly on their school staff email, for safeguarding purposes.

Years 7-10 and 12 Resources

Just to remind you that we have prepared a suite of resources for each year group, and in each subject, which can be found here:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/12f0LTxb4Kibwfo021Tkga7o9595DhutNk3mznQmqg4/edit?usp=sharing>

These will be regularly updated.

Anna Freud Learning Network

These are unprecedented times and may cause our young people to feel deeply anxious. I would therefore like to highlight the excellent resources and support available on the Anna Freud website

www.annafreud.org/coronavirus



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providing some very clear, simple advice to all those who are supporting children and young people, including to young people themselves.

Sending you my very best wishes.

Yours faithfully,

Paula Dixon
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