



Dear Parent/Guardian

**Re: Coronavirus update - school closure to most pupils**

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 students after this Friday until further notice.**

As advised by the government, we will do all we can to stay open for the students of key workers (e.g. NHS staff, police, others in frontline services) and students with certain needs.

We are waiting for the government to publish more information on what this means, but it would help us in the meantime if you could let us know if you think your son may fall into one of these categories. Please contact us on 0151 546 3134 or [hello@de-la-salle.co.uk](mailto:hello@de-la-salle.co.uk) We will be in touch again as soon as we are sure who this does apply to.

**All other students will need to stay at home, so we ask that you do not send your son into school from Monday onwards.**

Following the announcement last night we are working flat out to ensure all plans and preparations are in place ahead of the enforced closure tomorrow. At the same time we are maintaining provision for those students who are presently attending.

As you can appreciate there is much still to do prior to tomorrow afternoon, and so I will write again in more detail as soon as I can, to outline our steps moving forwards. This will cover free school meals, curriculum continuity, Year 11, and ongoing support for anyone who requires it.

As previously stated we have been anticipating this situation, and all along we had been hopeful that we would be allowed to remain open with a skeleton operation to support our most vulnerable and students of key workers.

**What we'll continue doing while your son is at home**

Your son's learning is of course important to us, so we'll continue to help him learn.

1. Students should log onto 'Show my Homework':

<https://www.satchelone.com/login?subdomain=delasalleacademy&userType=student>

Lessons will be posted on the platform that student can access at home.

2. Where there is no internet availability hard copies of learning resources and tasks will be made available to pupils.

If your son usually receives free school meals we will also be in touch with more information about how we will continue to provide this, with support from a scheme that the government has just announced and we are also planning to provide our own food service.

This is as much as we know right now and we appreciate your continued patience with as we deal with this ever-changing situation. 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.

If you want to get in touch to share any concerns, please don't hesitate to do so via [hello@de-la-salle.co.uk](mailto:hello@de-la-salle.co.uk)

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

I want to reassure you that despite the staffing challenges we are facing, as a Lasallian school community we pride ourselves on our pastoral care and the next phase of our school operations will be even more acutely focused on it.

Thank you again for your continued support.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Hayes', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

David Hayes  
Principal