



THE DE LA SALLE ACADEMY



Ref: SP/DH/Coronavirus 5
20th March 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian

I want to start by acknowledging the immense response from our entire school community to this very challenging situation. This week especially has required agile thinking and action as well as patience, support and understanding. I would like to thank all students, parents and staff for everything they have done to get us to this point.

I am writing this letter as the last one of the 'normal' school operations – whatever normal has meant this week! From Monday our provision will be very different.

Year 11

This is a very sad time, especially for our Year 11 boys whose time at school has been cut unexpectedly short. We have spent time with them today in a final assembly but have reiterated that it is just goodbye for now and not forever. Once everything returns to normal in the future, whenever that may be, we intend to hold a more fitting celebration event for them. As I write this, the Government have announced further information regarding GCSE grading, details can be found here https://www.gov.uk/government/news/further-details-on-exams-and-grades-announced?utm_source=96f31727-1fb9-408b-a7fa-d91d4ceaeb6b&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=immediate

Monday 23rd March

From Monday, the academy is closed to all students, except for a small cohort of identified vulnerable students. They will receive a level of provision to support their needs at this time. Breakfast and lunch are available for any student who is in receipt of Free School Meals. They will be available at 9am and 12.00pm respectively.

Children of Key Workers

This list has now been defined and expanded from earlier in the week and can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>.

Thank you to those parents who have been self-identifying within these categories – it has been enormously helpful to our planning. Please let us know if you are a critical worker and require provision for your son.

Home Learning

Staff have been working very hard to set long term work for all students. Information about this work can be found at <https://www.de-la-salle.co.uk/page/?title=Closure+Home+Learning&pid=252>. Any student who wishes to collect hard copies of this work can do so from Monday morning. Teaching staff will be monitoring completed work as well as setting more work further into the future. Students can contact subject teachers via the emails available on the Closure Home Learning page of the website

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Pastoral Care

Staff will be on site from Monday until further notice to offer any support they can to any of our families in this difficult time. You can get in touch via our new dedicated hotline 0151 545 2100 which will be manned between 10am and 1pm Monday to Friday or email pastoralsupport@de-la-salle.co.uk

Please keep an eye on our website for further updates.

Thank you all once again and please be assured that we are here to support you, should you need us.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D Hayes', with a small dot at the end.

Mr David Hayes
Principal