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Brockington College

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Dear Parents/Carers

Re: School closure information

Parents and carers will be aware of the government's announcement yesterday that all schools in England will close from Monday 23 March onwards. The closure of all schools will apply to most students, but the government has instructed schools to remain open and to provide provision for students whose parents are **key workers** (currently defined as NHS staff, emergency workers, supermarket staff/delivery drivers, workers involved in caring for the elderly or vulnerable and school staff), and to **vulnerable children** (currently defined as those who have a social worker and those with an Education, Health and Care Plan).

Arrangements for Friday 20 March

As today, due to staffing, Brockington College will be closed to students in Year 8 and Year 9. All students in Years 7, 10 and 11 should attend school as normal. In addition, if you have a child in Year 8 or Year 9 and you are a key worker, then we will provide a supervised room for students to self-study, should you need to send them to school to enable you to work. For our Year 11 students, we will be holding a special assembly event during period 5 tomorrow.

Who should attend after this week?

From Monday 22 March onwards, Brockington College will remain open to students in the two categories above only. In order to make provision for this service, and to ensure that we fully safeguard children, it is important that we know in advance whether you wish to take up this provision.

Please note, we would expect your child to attend every day, all day, unless they become ill or you wish to cease this service. In either of these cases we would expect you to contact the school. Please can we make you aware that our bus company have told us that no school buses will be running during this period; should this information change, we will inform parents. On site catering facilities will be available, including provision for students in school who are in receipt of free school meals. We would expect students to attend in full school uniform and continue to follow the behaviour expectations of the school.

If you meet either of the categories mentioned above, please can you complete the following [registration form](#), by **midday on Friday 20 March 2020**, indicating whether you intend to make use of school provision from 23 March onwards, or whether you are planning for your child to access remote learning at home.

Work at home for students

To ensure that all students access their education during the school closure, we have set up a clear method of accessing remote learning. It is important that all students maintain a clear structure to their day, in order to minimise the impact of school closure on their learning regardless of their stage in education.

All classwork will be set through our online learning platform, **Show My Homework**, for which all students have a login and password. Work will be set by **9am** each day and will cover each student's timetabled lessons for the day, which means that students should receive four to five pieces of work per day to complete. Where teachers set a longer piece of



work to be completed over several lessons, this will be made clear in the instructions, and where appropriate, staff will provide feedback for a student's work.

Teachers will make it clear how and when this work will need to be submitted, however it is expected that any work for the day should be completed and submitted by **4pm** as a rule. I would appreciate the support of parents/carers in ensuring that work is completed during the day through your own adult login to Show My Homework.

In some cases, staff will provide links to other online platforms such as Google Classroom, Seneca Learning or HegartyMaths, however this will all be set through Show My Homework, so it is important that students log into their account every morning to check their work for the day.

To support families in accessing this work, we have put together a [guide for accessing various online resources](#), including student e-mail accounts and their "My Documents" folder on the school drive. If you have any issues accessing any of the online resources, please get in touch with our ICT technicians via: remotelarning@brockington.leics.sch.uk

Where parents have informed the school that they cannot access Show My Homework or have other IT based issues, paper-based work will be supplied to the student on Friday 20 March.

Students in receipt of free school meals who will not be attending during this period

We will continue to support families in these circumstances. Further information will be provided as soon as possible.

Wellbeing and safeguarding

During this period of closure, we will endeavour to continue to support families and the wellbeing and safeguarding our young people. Therefore, if you have any questions or concerns regarding these aspects, please email pastoral@brockington.leics.sch.uk

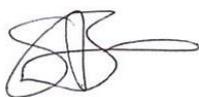
Refunds

Easter revision sessions for Year 11 students have been cancelled, as has next week's Year 11 geography fieldwork visit. Please rest assured that refunds will be processed via ParentPay. We are currently still awaiting full receipt of insurance monies for the cancelled trip to China; once received, refunds will be issued. Unspent school meal balances will also be returned to your ParentPay account.

The school closure presents unique challenges for staff, students and their families, but with everyone working to support each other, we can all do our best to minimise the disruption to each student's education.

These are indeed challenging times for all of us and it is important that we all adhere to government advice, whilst demonstrating the resilience to overcome that our children need to see from us. We wish you all the very best in this respect. Thank you for your continued support!

Yours sincerely



Sadie Batstone
Principal

