



CENTRAL LEARNING  
PARTNERSHIP TRUST

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Dear Parents/Carers

Following on from our last update, we are now writing to let you know that **we have now been instructed to close the school to almost all children after today, until further notice**. This decision has been taken in order to facilitate social distancing; which in turn will significantly reduce the likelihood of infection. We must emphasise that the medical professionals and the scientists are very clear that we must stay away from school unless the critical keyworker categories apply.

As advised by the government, we will do all we can to stay open for the children of critical key workers (e.g. NHS staff, police, others in frontline services) and also for children with certain needs where there is no alternative arrangement for childcare.

From this coming Monday, 23 March, school will be open from 8.45am until 1.00pm, for the children who fall into the two groups referenced above. I stress, that only students that qualify should be sent in to school as an absolute last resort. We continue to support the government guidelines and recommendations regarding self-isolation and social distancing. We are applying this to our staff as well as your child. There will not be any access to the school site for students before 8.45 am. Students will need to attend school wearing full uniform.

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

Please note that this is a national closure – as you may have heard in the news – so while it is a challenging situation, we are not alone. We will re-open fully as soon as we can and will let you know when this is via the school's website

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

Your child's learning is of course important to us, so we'll continue to help your child to learn. We have been preparing for this scenario for some time and we will provide sufficient, tailored resources to support your child's learning. Please refer to the Distance Learning Guidance document which accompanies this letter. These details are also on our website.

#### **Free School Meals**

If your child receives free school meals, we will be providing that service between 12.30pm and 1.00pm on a daily basis. We will continue to do this for as long as we have the necessary staff. It is important that students who are eligible do not arrive at school until 12.00pm at the earliest. School is closed to them for all other purposes other than accessing their free school meal and it is important that they return home immediately after doing so.

The situation is changing on a daily basis and it is important that you access reliable news services in order to stay aware of further changes. We will continue to update our website with the latest information from both the Government and also Wolverhampton City Council.

**We will not be able to go ahead with any of our planned school events or trips and apologise to students and parents alike for these cancellations.**

**External Examinations**

**This is an emerging picture and unfortunately we are unable to say very much with any degree of certainty other than re-stating the Prime Minister's words that said Year 11 and Year 13 external examinations, due to be held in May and June this year, would not now take place BUT all students due to sit these examinations would receive results. Unfortunately, although there are many theories circulating as to how this will be achieved we have no definitive information at the moment.**

This is as much as we know at present and we appreciate your continued patience and support, 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 by emailing: [info@coppiceschool.net](mailto:info@coppiceschool.net)

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

Yours faithfully



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