

19th March 2020

Dear parents/carers,

Re: Coronavirus update – school closure to most pupils

Following on from my last update, I am writing to let you know that **we have now been instructed to close the school to almost all children after this Friday until further notice**. As you know we were already planning to close on Friday.

As advised by the government, we will do all we can to provide support for the children of key workers (e.g. NHS staff, police, others in frontline services) and children 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 child may fall into one of these categories. If you are a key worker and would like your child to continue to attend the academy, please email info@boa-academy.co.uk. We'll be in touch again as soon as we are sure who this does apply to. **All other children will need to stay at home, so we ask that you do not send your child into school from Friday 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'll re-open fully as soon as we can and will let you know when this is by providing information on our website and by emailing you.

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 will provide online work for Year 10 and Year 12 students to complete. We will also provide some bridging materials for Year 11 students going into Year 12. Further information will follow on this tomorrow. If your child 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.

We will not be able to carry out the following activities:

- School trips
- After-school clubs
- Events/performances
- Internal or external exams or tests

This is as much as we know right now and we appreciate your continued patience 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 info@boa-academy.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](https://www.nhs.uk/111).

Thank you again for your continued support, and we will be in touch with more information when we can.

Yours,



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