



20th March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you are well and are managing in this very upsetting and challenging time as well as you can.

Following on from my last update, as the government announced earlier this week, **Duke's Aldridge Academy is now closed until further notice**. 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 text message, a full announcement on the school website and official letter.

From Monday 23 March, we are being asked to provide a service for our most vulnerable children to enable their parents who are key workers to do the jobs that the country needs them to do: health and emergency services, those supporting the nation's infrastructure and so on. And, of course, those of us who work in schools. We have been asked to provide care for vulnerable children and those with an EHCP as well as supporting the distance-learning of other children in the school community.

If your child usually receives free school meals lunches will be available from 1.00-1.30pm daily in Purple Diner.

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 be expecting them to work at home every day.

We have also prepared a work pack for every student in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10, which was distributed to all students who were present today, Friday 20th March. If your child was not present, a pack can be collected between on **11:00am-2:00pm** on Monday 23rd and **10:00am-1:00pm** Tuesday 24th March. Please ensure the pack is collected by someone who is not self-isolating or suffering symptoms of Coronavirus.

We will also be setting work via the '[ShowMyHomeWork](#)' for you to be able to check assignments and to check if they have completed this work.

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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. Please check the website and Duke's will send text messages as appropriate.

If you want to get in touch to share any concerns, please don't hesitate to do so via admin@dukesacademy.org.uk

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

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

Monica Duncan
Principal