



19<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to you today about the announcement yesterday regarding the Government's decision to close schools across the UK at the end of the day on Friday 20th March.

We have been following the advice given to us to keep students, safe and staff safe over the last week. During this time we have been preparing for a potential closure so we can be support the students learning during this unprecedented period we are in with the spread of the coronavirus.

From Friday, until further notice we will be supporting students through remote online learning via Google Classroom. For students that do not have access to remote learning we will be issuing packs of work to complete.

We are currently devising a strategy for school to be open for students of parents that the government are deemed as 'Key Workers' and students with EHCP's (Education Health and Care Plans) and students with an allocated social worker

This applies to parents in the following areas based on the basic guidance given to us by the Government and may change when we get an update.

- NHS Workers
- Emergency Services
- Supermarket Delivery drivers
- Social Workers

If there is nobody to look after children at home and you work in one of the above Key Worker roles, please email [ltompson@shevingtonhigh.org.uk](mailto:ltompson@shevingtonhigh.org.uk) as soon as possible.

Please include

- Name of the student
- Student's year group
- Name of parent
- Your occupation
- Your employer
- Your place of work

The government also announced that GCSE exams would not be taking place this May and June, this is obviously devastating news for our Year 11 Students that have worked so hard over the last 5 years in preparation for the exams this summer. We will make it our priority to ensure students get the best GCSE grades possible. We have yet to hear how they will be allocated but as soon as we do we will share this with the students and parents. We encourage students to continue to work hard on the tasks and assignments set online over the coming weeks.

This is an extraordinary time and we all need to work together to ensure firstly our loved ones are safe and secondly that our Shevington Family continue to work together to ensure all students are not disadvantaged by the school closure.

We want to assure you of the following:

- We will ensure that **lessons continue as 'normally' as possible from home, with students own teachers**

- We will continue to help students through Google Classroom and Pupil email.
- We will provide food for students in receipt of free school meals from the school site to be collected between 12.00-1.00pm
- School will be open for parents to collect pupils work books Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 10.00am – 12.00pm
- Home learning packs for pupils without internet access and PCs will be sent home with pupils on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March. For pupils who are absent these are available to be collected Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March – Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 10.00am-12.00pm

Q.	<b>1.) How would lessons run?</b>
A.	<p>Learning will continue following students normal timetable. We will continue through distance learning using our 'Google Classroom.'</p> <p>Following their normal timetable means that a student who normally has Maths period one on a Monday, would have appropriate work set by their teacher. The student would then complete it.</p>

Q.	<b>2.) If work is set remotely – how we can ensure a variety of tasks?</b>
A.	<p>Staff would set learning, which is as varied as it can be. We understand the difficulties of using screens for a long period of time. We will likely look to include learning which takes place away from the computer at times and, in the event of a planned closure..</p>

Q.	<b>3.) What if my child needs help?</b>
A.	<p>If a student cannot complete work or wants help they can receive support from their teacher, live in most cases. Staff will be logged in. We will use Google Classroom and Pupil email to communicate. We do ask for patience with this as each student needs to be responded to individually. Some staff may have large numbers of students contacting them at key points, particularly if they want help with exam topics. We will endeavour to get back to a student or parent within 24 hours, but this will often be much faster.</p>

Q.	<b>4.) What if we cannot access work remotely?</b>
A.	<p>If you cannot access electronically or need printed copies of work due to a lack of remote facilities a please contact School via the <a href="mailto:enquiries@shevingtonhigh.org.uk">enquiries@shevingtonhigh.org.uk</a> email. The school will provide a pack of work for students that do not have access remotely when we close. If you do experience technical issues with show my Google Classroom please contact <a href="mailto:enquiries@shevingtonhigh.org.uk">enquiries@shevingtonhigh.org.uk</a>.</p>



<b>Q.</b>	<b>5.) How will learning be assessed and fed back to students?</b>
<b>A.</b>	<p>Work set by staff will require responses from students. This is likely to be handing in a piece of work, completing a short quiz or a reflection task. This will be remotely assessed and fed back to students in future work or through Google Classroom. Assessed work will in most cases be received within a week of hand in depending on the task. Some pieces will receive feedback much quicker.</p> <p>We appreciate as a parent that remote learning would not be the ideal situation. We would always prefer to teach your child in person. It is what we love about our profession. We therefore rely on your support in ensuring your child does engage with their learning.</p> <p>Also due to the nature of the closure staff may also be ill at this time and unable to respond and assess work. We will always strive to meet the students needs.</p>

<b>Q.</b>	<b>6.) What if my child is unwell whilst the school is closed?</b>
<b>A.</b>	<p>If your child is unwell then clearly you will need to judge this accordingly. We will be monitoring remotely students' involvement in learning. In this instance please contact the School by email. We would then not chase up the work to be completed at this time.</p>

<b>Q.</b>	<b>8.) What about updates?</b>
<b>A.</b>	<p>We will be publishing updates on our website and facebook page, which will be updated every day.. We will share as much information as we can through this. We will also keep everyone updated on student learning through our normal social media services. This will be a way to celebrate hard work and resilience at home.</p>

<b>Q.</b>	<b>9.) What about medical advice?</b>
<b>A.</b>	<p>All families, particularly those with a medical care plan, should take the time to keep up to date with current government guidelines and advice. <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-action-plan">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-action-plan</a></p>

At Shevington we feel that it is very important that our students, you as parents and teaching staff are prepared hence our decisions to share these questions.

As always many thanks for your continued support at this difficult and challenging time.

Mr J Grant  
Headteacher