



# HAMPSTEAD SCHOOL

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19 March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

## Coronavirus (COVID-19) update

Following the announcement by the Prime Minister yesterday, Hampstead School will be closed to all students except for children of key workers in Years 7-9 and identified vulnerable children in Years 7-10 from Monday 23rd March. The school will be closed to all other students until further notice.

School is also closed for all students, except for the collection of resources and belongings on Friday 20 March.

We are committed to doing everything that we can to support society to meet the huge challenge that we are all facing. So that we can do this, we ask that you let us know whether you are a key worker of a child in Year 7, 8 or 9 in the fight against Coronavirus. We are asking you to let us know if you work in a role on the list below and are a single parent or in a situation where both parents/carers are key workers and would like your child to come to school so that you can attend work.

Camden Local Authority has informed me that whilst we await clarity from the DfE, at the moment key workers include:

National Health Service staff; school staff; workers in adult social care, social workers, childminders (certificate of registration needed), nursery staff (including those in private/ independent and community nurseries); fire and police services; Ministry of Defence personnel; prison officers; delivery drivers who cannot make other childcare arrangements; cleaners at an organisation which is remaining open during the school closure period.

The local authority asks that colleagues in these professions should show work identification where possible to confirm their eligibility. They should indicate to us if they are a key worker in this category and require provision. We will not be able to provide provision without this identification.

Please do this by e-mailing Ms. Daulphin ([h.daulphin@hampsteadschool.org.uk](mailto:h.daulphin@hampsteadschool.org.uk)) or Mr Stevens ([g.stevens@hampsteadschool.org.uk](mailto:g.stevens@hampsteadschool.org.uk)) by 1000 tomorrow, 20th March.



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If your role does not appear on the list above but you are a 'keyworker' in the fight against Coronavirus, please also e-mail the above to explain your situation and we will advise whether we are able to accept your child at school.

Although all work for students is being set through electronic channels, you may want students to collect exercise books etc. and students may have personal belongings to collect from their lockers. To facilitate this, the following will be in place:

- All students who were in school today, 19 March, have collected their belongings and resources that they need and should not come onto the school site tomorrow, 20 March
- Students who have resources that they need to pick up (and are not displaying any signs of Coronavirus) will be invited into school tomorrow at the times stated below:
  - 1000-1100 – Year 7, 8 and 9 students
  - 1100-1200 – Year 10, 11, 12 and 13 students
- Students will be directed to the Hall to pick up any books and resources that they may have left in school and to empty their lockers
- Students may only pick up their own resources unless they show a message, giving permission for them to pick up resources for their friends

### **Exams for Year 11 and Year 13 students**

With summer exams now cancelled nationally, this is a very anxious time for our Year 11 and 13 students. I will write to you separately but it is imperative that they continue to work at their studies as the method for assessment and assigning grades has yet to be determined. The work that they are doing at home is therefore likely to be crucial in the grades that they are awarded in each subject.

As the school is now closed, all Saturday and holiday revision provision is now cancelled until further notice.

### **Work for students during the closure**

Students should follow their normal timetable of lessons, completing the normal hours of lessons & home learning as if they were at school, using the resources set by their class teacher on the online platforms. The primary vehicle for this will be Show My Homework through the RM Unify portal. This further allows immediate access to our other subscriptions including Seneca Learning and SAM Learning. Please ensure your child can access these.

Staff will be communicating with you and monitoring work via e-mail.

Your child's form tutor (or other member of staff) will call your child once a week to ascertain welfare and progress.

Free School Meals provision will be made available during the closure. More details of how this will work in practice will be provided in due course.

Please continue to check the school's website for the latest information.

This is a time when we must all pull together and show resilience. My very best wishes for you and your family during this difficult period. We will be in touch regularly with updates.

Yours sincerely  
Jacques Szemalikowski  
Head