

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Coronavirus update – school closure to most pupils

Following on from my last update, I'm now 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 advised by the government, we will do all we can to stay open for the children of key workers (e.g. NHS staff, police, others in frontline services) and children with certain needs. We have already sent out a letter today to help identify key students and we will be in touch again as soon as we are sure whom this applies to. However, attendance for these pupils is not compulsory. Once we have identified all students eligible for provision, government guidance will be adhered to and if this meets the 10% eligibility as advised by the Education Secretary we will remain open for these pupils and contact you directly. If the decision is made to close the school fully, eligible pupils will be contacted with guidance on an alternative provision.

All children will need to stay at home from Monday 23rd March onwards unless you have been contacted by the school via telephone to confirm your child's attendance.

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 will be through parent mail, twitter (@Burnley_High) and the school website: BurnleyHighSchool.co.uk

What we will continue to do whilst your child is at home

Your child's learning is incredibly important to us, so we will continue to help your child to learn. Home learning resources will be available as close to Monday 23rd March as possible. Please encourage your children to complete work. Further details of how to access this learning from home will follow in the next few days.

If your child usually receives free school meals we will also be in touch with more information about how we may be able to continue to provide this, with support from a scheme that the government has just announced.

Safeguarding.

Should you have any safeguarding concerns please contact the safeguarding team on the following e mail address: safeguarding@burnley-cs.org

The safeguarding team will contact you back by e mail or using the school emergency mobile phones.

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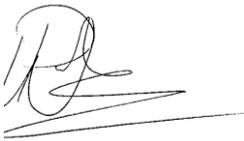
The government have stated that GCSE examinations will not run in May or June this year. Again further details are yet to be released and we are expecting this at some point tomorrow. As soon as we know any further details we will let you know via parentmail. We understand that for Year 11 this is a particularly unsettling time and we are spending the final two days supporting them on the next steps in their journey.

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This is as much as we know right now and we appreciate your continued patience with 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 remember: if you or your child feels ill and you want to know what to do next, please use [NHS 111 online](#).

I appreciate your continued support and understanding at this difficult time and I look forward to returning to normal as soon as possible.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'P Walmsley', written over a horizontal line.

Mr. P Walmsley

Headteacher