

# WESTCLIFF HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

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Dear Parents and Carers,



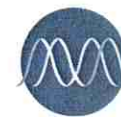
## Arrangements during temporary school closure to most pupils

May I start by thanking you for your understanding and support at this difficult time.

As you know, schools close to most pupils after lessons tomorrow, but will continue to be open for the children of Key Workers and those with EHC Plans.



Science



Engineering

### GCSE and A-Level Pupils

Understandably many pupils are anxious and distressed about the decision taken yesterday to cancel this year's external examinations.

Some parents have been contacting the school to ask for information about this. The Government statement says that "no child will be penalised". We do not know how grades are going to be determined for these cancelled exams. I can assure you that staff will ensure that whatever happens is fair and follows the government's line that no child will be penalised.

Please can I ask that parents are not contacting the school to ask for predicted grades to be raised.

### Dismissal of Pupils

All pupils are asked to empty their lockers and take all the materials home which they may need for their work. *They must also take their padlocks home. This will allow for a deep clean of all the lockers as part of our preparations for an eventual return.*

Pupils in Years 7-10 & 12 will be dismissed at 3.30pm.

Pupils in Year 13 will have a 'Final Assembly' at 11.10 (period 3), after which they will be free to leave and go home.

Pupils in Year 11 will have a 'Final Assembly' at 13.30 (period 4), after which they will have time to sign shirts, and share time together before dismissal at 3.30pm.

### Key Workers

We are still waiting for clarification from the Government as to this list. For now, if you believe you fall into this category, please email the school no later than 7.30am on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March. This will allow us to monitor attendance and to know who to expect.



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Some Key Workers may be part time; in this case please also let us know the days your child will attend school; however, we recognise this may alter as Key Workers are drafted in to undertake extra days in work.

These pupils should arrive on Monday at normal time and in uniform. On arrival they should go straight to the Hall to be registered. They will be assigned a space in an IT room and will access the work set on Google Classroom in the same way as pupils who are working at home. Over time we will look to add some variety into their day such as PE activities.

#### IT Equipment

It will be helpful if a pupil attending school can bring a tablet or laptop to help ensure there is enough IT equipment at this time.

#### Absence of Key Worker Pupils

If you are a Key Worker and sending your child(ren) to school, please contact the school in the usual way if she/he is unable to attend. Please telephone 01702 476026, Option 2 and leave a message.

#### Canteen Provision

The canteen will be open for lunches next week. We may need to modify our provision once we have a measure of how many pupils will be in school.

#### Transport to School

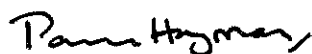
We understand that the 'contract buses' should operate as normal for the next 2 weeks. We are contacting them to check on their plans for next term.

Please be aware that train companies may reduce their service, and this may affect the time that pupils need to leave home to get to school on time.

Thank you again for your support.

We shall update you further as information becomes available.

Yours sincerely,



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