



# Aston Manor Academy

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Dear Parents / Carers,

As I am sure you are aware, the government have announced that all schools will close to students this Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March, until further notice. The school has been requested to remain open for children of “Key Workers”, children who have a social worker and those with EHCP plans. We are expecting to receive clarification from the government on exactly what is meant by “Key Workers” and vulnerable children. However the list includes; NHS workers, police employees and supermarket delivery driver, prison workers, fire service, carers for vulnerable people. If you are an identified key worker, please contact the school. Please read the school website as we will update this information, and the Key Worker list as we receive it.

Staff have been preparing lessons and resources online in order to ensure that students can access their learning from home. We have processes in place to ensure that we can communicate with students on a regular basis to support them with their learning. We will also ask students to “register” via email with their form tutor each day. We aim to provide a structured routine for students whilst they are working from home, and routines are disrupted. We would like students to follow their school timetable each day, and teachers will be available to support in those lessons, as much as is possible. For those students who do not have access to ICT facilities or Wi-Fi, work packs will be set home with your child. We ask for your support in helping your child to establish a working routine at home, so that they do not fall behind in their learning.

This is indeed, a very challenging situation for us all, and we recognise that the school closure will put further pressure on our families. We have published on our school website the contact details of a number of different agencies that may be able to offer help with any difficulties that families may experience during this difficult and unprecedented time.

Form tutors will continue to be the main point of contact for students, and heads of year, and teaching staff will also be able to communicate with students via email. Senior staff are contactable via email and mobile phone if there are any serious concerns.

The government have also announced that there will be no GCSE or A’ level exams taking place this year. However, they have also made it clear that students will not be penalised for the disruption to their exams. We are not yet sure how grades will be awarded this year, but will communicate this to you as soon as we are informed. This is so disappointing for all our students, who have worked so hard preparing for their exams, and showed so much commitment to their studies. We will provide as much support as we can to all students in their aim to reach their next destination.

Please continue to check the school website as we will be updating all information as soon as we receive it.

Finally, I would like to thank all parents for your continued support. Let us hope that this closure will be brief and that we can all return to normality as quickly as possible.

Kind regards,

Ms Sweeney  
Headteacher

