



Bexley Grammar School
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20th March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Early closure today, Friday 20th March.

All students will finish at the end of period 4 (12.35pm)
Cold food will be offered
Students empty lockers and leave school by 1.00pm

Guidance regarding the school remaining open for children of key workers, children with EHCPs, Looked After Children and children with appointed social workers is being refined regularly.

A very brief survey has been sent to parents asking those who are key workers to respond by noon tomorrow. Parents of all other categories are being contacted separately.

The overriding principle is that if children can stay safely at home, they should, to limit the chance of the virus spreading. The Government is asking parents to keep their children at home, wherever possible – schools are remaining open only for those children who absolutely need to attend.

Please be aware that:

- If it is at all possible for children to be at home, then they should be, since home isolation is the safest option.
- A child attending school will be supervised to access the same work (set through remote learning) as children not in school; they will not be taught by teachers.
- Remote learning will not be fully available by Monday. Any child in school on Monday will be expected to use the first day or two to catch up on any unfinished work, complete existing homework assignments and work on any longer-term projects that they may have.

Remote Learning plan

We hope to send a brief guide to remote learning to you early next week; our teachers are working hard on this. As I said yesterday, learning material is unlikely to be available to students immediately despite our best efforts. We may need one or two days next week to finalise the first batch of learning before going live. Students should expect to use the first day or two next week to catch up on any unfinished work, complete existing homework assignments and work on any longer-term projects that they may have.

Please continue to monitor ParentPay emails and the school website regularly for any further announcements.

Finally, thank you to all those parents/carers who have contacted us in different ways to express their appreciation for how we have been keeping your children safe in such challenging and uncertain times. And thank you for being flexible about the arrangements we have had to make this week in terms of early closures.

Your support has had a profound impact this week.

Thank you,,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'SE Elphick', written in a cursive style.

Steve Elphick
Headteacher