



19 March 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Covid-19 update 19 March 2020

As you will be aware, an announcement has been made that schools are to close from Friday 20 March 2020 as the Prime Minister stated, this is to help push down on the increasing upward curve of the number of cases of Covid-19 Coronavirus "we must apply further downward pressure with that upward curve by closing schools"; by closing schools the expectation is that there will be greater social distancing and as such decrease the potential spread of the virus. I appreciate that the message has become less clear as the statement made, included the need to remain open for "Key Workers". I wish to clarify our understanding of the situation:

1. Titus Salt School will close on Friday 20 March 2020 after all pupils have left as usual; it will remain closed in line with Government guidance to ensure there is a significant reduction in the potential spread of the virus. It is for this reason that we have been planning and preparing work that has been uploaded onto Teams – this ensures all pupils are able to continue working by having remote access with their teachers who will be working from home
2. In support of parents who are identified as Key Workers and who have children who do not have an older sibling to look after them at home, TSS will provide a significantly reduced level of staffing to deliver an education for them in school during the hours of 9.00am to 3.00pm using the work that has been uploaded onto Teams
3. We ask that those who have already been identified as Key Workers and who do not have an older sibling or adult to be with them during the day to email school from their work email address notifying us of their situation on enquiries@titussaltschool.co.uk. We will use this information to prioritise these pupils and provide for their needs as best we can
4. As with all other guidance that has been produced, if anyone in the household has symptoms or develops symptoms then the procedure for self-isolation must be followed
5. With regard to the cancelling of examinations this summer, our view is we want our pupils to continue to work and aspire to the highest standard they can, and based on whichever is the most recent internal assessments and the truest reflection of their ability, we want to be able to report the standard we know they are working at – we will not be relying on mock examination or progress examination results

As further advice and guidance is issued by the DfE we will let you know. Once again, I wish to thank you for your continued support and understanding of the situation we find ourselves in.

Yours sincerely

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