



Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

**Response to Yesterday's Government announcement:**

We will be closing St Laurence School's premises at the end of tomorrow (Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March) to all students apart from those in specific categories identified by the Government. The following students will be able to attend from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, subject to staff availability – you will appreciate that the numbers of staff available in school are diminishing daily as a result of this crisis.

- Those with a parent / carer who is a key worker\*
- Those with an EHCP
- Those with an allocated social worker

\*the key worker categories will be announced later today by the Government. **If you fall into one of these categories and have no other means of caring for your child, please email by **11am on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March** to the following email address, giving your child's name and year group and your key worker category:**

[admin@st-laurence.com](mailto:admin@st-laurence.com)

As a school we have the flexibility to provide either shop vouchers or a direct payment to your bank account for children entitled to **free school meals**. We will let you know how to access this as soon as we can.

**Transport:**

We have just been informed that all normal home – school transport (coaches and buses) will be suspended effective from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March. Wiltshire Council will continue to support the students in the categories listed above with transport. More details will follow.

**Arrangements for Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March:**

**We have decided that we need to extend our partial closure tomorrow, Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March, to include years 8, 9, 10 and 12. We will remain open tomorrow for remaining year groups (years 7, 11, and 13).** We have extended our partial closure, with regret, on the grounds of health and safety, due to the growing numbers of staff who are absent.

**Future communications with you:**

Please continue to refer to the guidance and links we have already published on our website. We will continue to keep in touch with you over the coming weeks as we learn more. Students should continue to refer to Class Charts for ongoing work to maintain their routines. Further guidance will follow.

**Finally:**

These are unprecedented times. Your ongoing messages of support, patience and understanding are greatly appreciated. We are incredibly proud of how our students have conducted themselves this week.



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We took the opportunity to talk to all our year 11 and 13 students this morning, emphasising that we will continue to work very hard to secure their future pathways.

With best wishes

Yours faithfully

Fergus Stewart  
Headteacher