



# Herne Bay High School

## Specialist Sports College

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19<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

### **COVID-19 update – school closure to most pupils**

Following on from my last update, I'm now writing to let you know that **we have been instructed to close the school to almost all children after this Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March until further notice.**

As advised by the government, we will do all we can to stay open for the children of Key Workers (e.g. NHS staff, police, others in frontline services).

We are waiting for the government to publish more information on what constitutes a Key Worker. However, you will need to let us know if you are a Key Worker AND require your child to access the school because you have to go to your place of employment. You **MUST** email the school at [principal@hernebayhigh.org](mailto:principal@hernebayhigh.org) by 1.00pm on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March to let us know. Please note that we will require proof of your role by means of your current photographic identity badge or proof of employment.

The vast majority of Key Worker's secondary school aged children will **NOT** require this childcare provision as it will be more appropriate for their safety and wellbeing to remain at home and away from other students and adults, thereby following government social distancing guidance and significantly reducing the chance of contracting the virus and infecting your family.

Please **DO NOT SEND** your child to access the on-site supervised learning provision unless you have emailed the school on [principal@hernebayhigh.org](mailto:principal@hernebayhigh.org) , **spoken** to the school **and** completed the required checks.

**All other children will need to stay at home from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2020.**

Please note that this is a national closure, so while it is a challenging situation, we are not alone. Please be reassured that we'll re-open fully as soon as we are instructed to by the government.

### **What we'll continue doing while your child is at home:**

Your child's learning is important to us, so we'll continue to help your child to learn.

Work will be set for all students following their normal timetabled lessons using our online platform Show My Homework. Please see our dedicated webpage "Learning from Home" for all information about how to access and what to do if you have problems:

<https://www.hernebayhigh.org/information/learning-from-home/>



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If your child usually receives free school meals, we will also be in contact with more information about how we will continue to provide this, with support from a scheme that the government has just announced.

This is as much as we know right now and we appreciate your continued patience as we deal with this ever-changing situation. We understand that this latest news will have an impact on you and your family and it's far from ideal, but we'll keep in touch with any updates as the situation develops.

If you need to contact the school, please don't hesitate to do so via the usual methods: phone, email or text via MyEd and we will do our best to respond as quickly as possible.

**And remember: if you or your child feels ill and you want to know what to do next, please use [NHS 111 online](#).**

Thank you again for your continued support, and we will be in touch with more information when we can.

With kind regards,

**Jon Boyes**  
Principal