



Headteacher

Mr D Williams

March 2020

Update regarding the School closure to most pupils

Dear Parent/Carers,

As a result of the latest Government guidance, I am writing to inform you that **we have now been instructed to close the school to almost all children from this Friday until further notice.**

As advised by the Government, we will do all we can to stay open for the children of key workers and those with certain needs.

Please find included in your email a link to Government guidance on the employment sectors who constitute as key workers. If you believe that you fall into one of these categories, please ensure you have completed our survey by following the link below:

<https://forms.gle/bSCqA2vqJnerCuRG8>

All other children will need to stay at home, so we ask that you do not send your child into school from Monday onwards.

Please note that this is a national closure – as you may have heard in the news – so while it is a challenging situation, we are not alone.

Further Information and advice for parents, carers and students

The latest guidance from Public Health England can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/coronavirus-covid-19-list-of-guidance>

If you want to help your child to understand about coronavirus, children's mental health charity Place2Be has provided advice on how to talk to them.

Digital learning provision- providing your child with educational resources

To minimise the impact this closure will have on your child's education, we will use our digital learning platform **Show My Homework** to set work for your child to access remotely. Teachers will endeavour to regularly upload work and resources for your child to complete at home. In order to maintain some form of normality and structure to your child's day, we advise that from Monday you encourage your child to follow their normal timetables from home accessing the resources they need for the daily lesson from the Show My Homework platform. For example, if you have Maths on a Monday Period 1 from 8.45- 9.45 you should follow the work set by the teacher for your group for that lesson on that day.

Please be reassured that there is no expectation for students to complete all of the work uploaded within a set time-period. Guided learning hours are indicated on each piece of work.

Further information regarding Show My Homework and additional free educational resources will be sent out to parents/carers next week.

If your child cannot remember their log in details or need to request a password reset, please contact our reception team in the first instance who will try to assist.

If you are experiencing any other general technical difficulties, e.g. logging onto the school system to access student share folders, please contact our IT team at: it@netherthorpe.derbyshire.sch.uk

For any subject specific queries please email the relevant Head of Department as indicated below.

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Mrs E Beeden	Head of RS, Sociology & Personal Development	EFogg@netherthorpe.derbyshire.sch.uk

For general pastoral enquiries, please email your child's Head of Section or Pastoral Support Manager as indicated below;

YEAR	POSITION	EMAIL ADDRESS
7	Head of Section: Mrs H Harpham	h.harpham@netherthorpe.derbyshire.sch.uk
	Pastoral Support Manager: Mrs K Hutchinson	KHutchinson@netherthorpe.derbyshire.sch.uk
8 and 11	Head of Section : Mr S Brown	s.brown@netherthorpe.derbyshire.sch.uk
	Pastoral Support Manager: Mrs D Newton	d.newton@netherthorpe.derbyshire.sch.uk
9 and 10	Head of Section : Mr A Scott	AScott@netherthorpe.derbyshire.sch.uk
	Pastoral Support Manager: Mrs L Critchley	LCritchley@netherthorpe.derbyshire.sch.uk
12 and 13	Head of Section : Mr G Mason	g.mason@netherthorpe.derbyshire.sch.uk
	Pastoral Support Manager: Mrs S West	s.west@netherthorpe.derbyshire.sch.uk

Summer examinations 2020

The Government has confirmed that GCSE and A-Level examinations will not take place in May/June. In the meantime, we would encourage all of our year 11 and 13 pupils to keep working until we know how the government plan to assess pupils and award results. Please encourage your children not to worry, every effort will be made to ensure their hard work is recognised and their results reflect this.

Although the school is currently closed until further notice, **if any student wishes to gain access to the school** to collect exercise books, resources, equipment or personal belongings that they may have left on site, they will need to contact the school reception team, who will arrange for you to collect these items from the office. To ensure we keep the minimum number of people on site, please only contact the school if item collection is essential to your child's learning. **It is important that individuals who are self-isolating or social distancing do not come on site but make alternative arrangements for items to be collected.**

Students in receipt of Free School Meals


The parents/ carers of any student who are currently entitled to Free School Meals will be able to collect the first instalment of your food vouchers (equivalent to two weeks entitlement) from the main office **from Monday 23rd March between the hours of 9.30am-3.30pm. You will be required to show a form of ID for collection.** If you are unable to get into school, please let us know and we will arrange delivery.

Details of local foodbanks

Need to access a foodbank voucher? **Important** - Our foodbank works using a voucher referral system. In order to get help from our foodbank, you will need a voucher issued by local agencies. - [Find out more](#)


Chesterfield Foodbank - Brimington	
07984589456	
OPENING TIMES	ADDRESS
Mon 12:00 - 14:00	St Michael & All Angels
Tue Closed	Parish Hall,
Wed Closed	Church Street,
Thu Closed	Brimington,
Fri Closed	Derbyshire
Sat Closed	S43 1JG
Sun Closed	

Directions via Google Maps




Chesterfield Foodbank - The Compass	
07984589456	
OPENING TIMES	ADDRESS
Mon Closed	The Compass,
Tue 13:00 - 15:00	West Bars,
Wed Closed	Chesterfield (Town
Thu Closed	Centre)
Fri Closed	S40 1AZ
Sat Closed	
Sun Closed	

Directions via Google Maps



Chesterfield Foodbank - Loundsley Green Community Centre	
07984589456	
OPENING TIMES	ADDRESS
Mon Closed	Loundsley Green
Tue Closed	Community Centre,
Wed Closed	Cuttholme Road,
Thu Closed	Chesterfield,
Fri 13:00 - 15:00	Derbyshire
Sat Closed	S40 4QU
Sun Closed	

Directions via Google Maps



Safeguarding concerns and Early Help

Our Pastoral and SEND team will be continuing to support families during this unsettling time and will stay in close contact. For any safeguarding issues, the Designated Safeguarding Leader in the school is **Mrs Connolley** who can be contacted at n.connolley@netherthorpe.derbyshire.sch.uk or on 01246 472220 extension 14251. You are not guaranteed to get an immediate response from the school during these circumstances so if it is an urgent concern you should use the appropriate phone number from above.

If you are concerned about any young person in respect of their vulnerability, emotional well-being or any type of abuse you may wish to contact on one of these agencies:

- Call Derbyshire 01629 593193 **or contact:**
- Police 101 (999 in an emergency)
- Crimestoppers UK 0800 555 111

Other useful Numbers:

- Childline 0800 1111
- Citizens Advise Bureau 0300 4568437
- CEOP (internet/online safety) 0370 4967622
- CRUSE (bereavement) 01246 550080

Please also see the Connect poster on the website for details of other agencies that you or your child could talk to if they need support.

We will aim to reopen the school to all year groups as soon as we are able to do so. Please check the website, texts and emails for regular updates.

Finally, I would like to thank you for your continued support and send my best wishes to you and your families in these unprecedented times.