



SCHOOL CLOSURE ADVICE

WOODSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

WHY

The Government has asked schools across the country to close due to COVID-19. However, the Government has also asked schools to remain open for vulnerable children and children of key workers.

We appreciate that some families may not wish for their children to come to school for health reasons. We have a robust plan of online learning in place. Students will be expected to follow the same lesson timetable as they always have, and work will be set by their teachers which will be emailed to them or uploaded to Show My Homework.

HOW LONG

The Government has not been clear how long this will go on for. We will send out a request for families to confirm if their children will be coming to school or not once a week until we all know more.

HOW WILL I GET INFORMATION?

Our school website will be the best place to get the most current information. We will also send out texts to parents/carers with updates and post any news on the school's Twitter and Instagram pages. During periods of high traffic it may be the case that access to our school website might be slow, which is why we will also be posting updates on Twitter and Instagram to give you multiple places to check for the most up to date information.

SHOULD STUDENTS IN YEAR 11 BE STUDYING?

Yes.

Students in Year 11 still have important work to do. The Government has not been clear on how students' grades will be set in the absence of formal GCSE examinations.

It is important broadly that students continue with their education as we want students to start preparing now for KS5.

HOW CAN I HELP MY CHILD?

School work will be set by the school for all students. There is a substantial list of learning programmes available for your child via

<https://www.woodsidehighschool.co.uk/Learning/Online-learning-resources/>

All students will be expected to check their school email accounts every day for work set by their class teachers. All students should have their logins for their learning accounts but if not, there is information on the school website "online learning resources" page on how they can get their login details.

- Please keep students indoors during school hours (8am - 3:30pm). This is the time they should be studying.
- Agree with them that you will check the work they have completed at the end of the day.
- Students all have a reading book and should read every day.



HELP AND SUPPORT

Parents/carers are warmly invited to use the school's website to find the email addresses of staff members and use that as the primary source of contact wherever possible -

<https://www.woodsidehighschool.co.uk/Our-Team/Staff-List/>

We understand that this will be a challenging time for many of our families. There are several food banks in Haringey and Woodside is an authorised supplier of Food Bank vouchers. However, Woodside has also formed its own foodbank which you are welcome to access. If you would like to find out more about this in confidence, please contact the Head's PA, Nathalie Walsh, on nathalie.walsh@woodsidehighschool.co.uk.

We also know that some families may find their employment is impacted by the current situation. The Government has said that students eligible for Free School Meals will get vouchers if they are not attending school. Please contact us as soon as possible if you think your child is eligible for Free School Meals so that we can support.

We are here for you.