



19 March 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

As you will be aware, the government have announced that all schools will close after the end of the day on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2020. As a result, Hodgson Academy will be closed to all students (subject to the paragraph below) with effect from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2020.

Work will continue to be set for students to continue their education from home and these details will be sent separately by Mr Malone.

The government have asked schools to maintain a skeleton staffing structure to allow children of 'Key Workers' and vulnerable students to attend school where necessary, bearing in mind that the intention of the closure is 'social distancing' which means as few students as possible should attend. We are, subject to sufficient staffing being available, committed to offering this provision and for this ideally to include the period of the Easter holidays. This will consist of providing a space, supervision and provision (including ICT) to complete the work that is set for all students. Our working definition of 'Key Workers' is where both parents are in employment:

- In the NHS, in whatever capacity
- In nursery, primary or secondary schools, in whatever capacity
- In the emergency services (police/fire), in whatever capacity
- As a delivery driver who delivers goods to shops and/or supermarkets

Although the government have promised a definitive list of what constitutes a 'Key Worker', this is yet to be forthcoming. Therefore if they do produce a list more extensive than that above we will expand ours to fit it. Students classed as 'vulnerable' will receive individual contact from our pastoral team. If you meet the criteria for 'Key Worker' and you wish to send your child to the provision detailed above then please advise us via email to [admin@hodgson.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@hodgson.lancs.sch.uk) or by telephone by 9am on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2020 and we will then advise you regarding arrangements.

Additionally, we are committed to providing a meal for students entitled to a free school meal. The government has suggested they are looking into a national voucher scheme, however in the interim we will provide food that will be available for collection from the academy each day. If your child is entitled to a free school meal and you wish to take advantage of this arrangement then please email [admin@hodgson.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@hodgson.lancs.sch.uk) or telephone by 9am on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March and we will then advise you of arrangements.

The main method of communication throughout the period of closure will be through ClassCharts and I will copy communications to all students registered through the ClassCharts Student App to keep them informed. I will also send communications via Parent Mail, however this has been subject to delays recently. Copies of correspondence will also appear on the academy website.

If you have a safeguarding concern during the closure period please either call the academy or email Miss



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These are unprecedented times and we completely appreciate that families will be experiencing uncertainty at this time. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any queries and the academy looks forward to welcoming students back once this situation allows us to.

Yours faithfully

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Headteacher



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