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20<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to update you following the announcement made by the Education Secretary and Prime Minister on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2020, in reference to school closures. Following on from this announcement, we have received today the Department for Education (DfE) guidance on critical workers (see guidance for schools and parents at the links below.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers>

Trustees and I have discussed the implications of this guidance at length. We are committed to continue to care for our students where we can and help with this national crisis.

Trustees have agreed the following:

1. From Monday to Wednesday (23-25 March 2020) the school will open to year 11 students and year 11 to year 15 in HEART.
2. The school will make a full assessment of parents' critical worker status, student vulnerability/need and each child's individual risk assessment. Following this assessment Trustees will approve the students permitted to return to school.
3. Assessment of staffing will be ongoing and will determine how many students we can safely care for.
4. We also ask you inform the school if you are eligible for free school meals, as Trustees have set funds aside to support should your child not be in school.



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We strongly believe it is important to take our time assessing eligibility as we want to be as helpful and fair as possible. We will contact by Wednesday the 25<sup>th</sup> March (if not before) to inform you of our decision making with more detail of the level of care we will be offering.

Separate correspondence will follow regarding our distance learning and remote therapeutic offer of support.

Please bear with us at this exceptionally difficult time and thank you in advance for your understanding.

With kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Nunns', with a stylized flourish at the end.

**Mr J Nunns**  
Principal & Chief Executive