



DARRICK WOOD SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer

You will most likely have heard the latest update from the Government that from the close of day on Friday, 20th March all schools will be closed except to the children of 'key workers' and vulnerable children. This does not affect my statement given in the email previously this evening and we will expect all of Year 7, 11 and 13 to attend School on Thursday, 19th March 2020. Children of 'key workers' who do not have alternative childcare arrangements may also attend. I will confirm arrangements for Friday tomorrow.

We are expecting to hear a lot more about how this will affect schools from next week and I will write to you again once this has been published and we have had a chance to consider how we will put in place what the Government requires.

It was also announced that public examinations will not take place in May and June in the usual way. We do not at this stage know what the Government's plans are. Hopefully we will know very soon. In the meantime I would urge all of Years 11 and 13 to continue to approach their studies with maturity and to try not to worry. I acknowledge this must be very troubling for them and we will do everything we can to support them through this difficult time.

Yours sincerely

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Head Teacher