

**18 March 2020**

Dear Parents & Carers,

The government has announced that, for most UK pupils, schools will be closed from Monday onwards. This means Friday will be our last day.

We will continue to provide schooling for “vulnerable students” (those with a social worker involved with the family); “ECHP students” (those with special educational needs); and students of “key workers” (nurses, doctors, police, social workers etc). However, the majority of children will now be learning from home.

We are not sure when we will re-open, but we have been told it will be “as soon as possible”, assuming it is safe. Practically speaking, this means at some point after the Easter holiday.

**We want to reassure all parents that we have been preparing for this for some time, and have a high-quality “home learning” experience in place and ready to go. Please take some time to now read this email through with your child.**

If your child is healthy (no temperature or continuous cough), and everyone at home is healthy, we ask that you send them in to school tomorrow and Friday, as this will help us to prepare them for the closure period. If they are absent, they need to read the coming emails extra closely.

Please note:

- From this point on, students will be learning via “KAA @ Home”. They can access this from a laptop or computer with keyboard. A phone, tablet or TV connected to the internet is not sufficient. A shared laptop is also not an acceptable solution. **If you are worried about your child not having access to a laptop during the day or your internet data being sufficient please now tell us.** Email us at [info@kaa.org.uk](mailto:info@kaa.org.uk) and we will help.
- We will need to explain to you how “KAA @ Home” works and it will take a while for you to get used to. We are shortly emailing a simple “how-to” guide which we would ask you to all review carefully. We are placing regular updates on our website too, and ask parents to try to use these, and emails like this we send, as if we are inundated with individual requests it will cause us issues.
- If you think your child may be eligible to come to school next week, as you think they may be classified as “vulnerable”, have a special educational need or be a key-worker child, then email us. If we can accommodate them, we will. Again, email [info@kaa.org.uk](mailto:info@kaa.org.uk).
- Any student who qualifies for Free School Meals, or is about to qualify because their family income will fall due to lost wages caused by Coronavirus, will be issued with FSM vouchers. We will set a system up for this, but people should not worry. If you are worried about this please now tell us via [info@kaa.org.uk](mailto:info@kaa.org.uk).

We appreciate these are very worrying times but would urge all parents and students to not worry. KAA will be different in the coming weeks – delivered virtually over the internet – but the same care, commitment and love of learning will still be there, strong as ever.

Intrepidus,

**David Benson**  
Principal