



Thursday 19th March 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Coronavirus – School Closure

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Following on from our communication you last night, I wanted to keep you updated with our response to the announcement from the Prime Minister in yesterday's daily briefing in which he set out the plan for school closures. Whilst this move was somewhat inevitable, it still was difficult to hear for my team and I as much as what I imagine it was for yourselves.

I intend on holding assemblies with all year groups over the next two days. These assemblies will ensure that all students know what is expected of them during this period of school closure.

The headteachers across Cheshire East are working together with the local authority to identify parents who are key workers and where their children are not able to work from home. All other students are to stay home from Monday until further notice.

My team and I have been working hard to develop an online learning resource accessible by all learners to ensure as minimal disruption to learning as possible. Whilst online learning is not new, we haven't seen it used on this scale before and will review the process each week to ensure the students continue to get a good mix of resources to work on.

Each student will be provided with a pack containing a pad, pen and some paper resources along with a Year Group specific Home Learning Pack. The instructions on how they will conduct their home learning are detailed in the pack and also available online here - <https://www.utccrewe.co.uk/covid-19-coronavirus/>. The students will also be directed to find all of the resources they will need on a day to day basis in Microsoft Teams. If anyone is experiencing difficulties accessing any of the resources then please contact their Form Tutor in the first instance and they will be able to arrange some support.

It is critical, especially for those in Year 11 and 13, that all students continue to engage in the work that the teachers set and complete to the best of their ability. It was announced that Year 11 grades were to be based on estimates. This means that work carried out during this period is critical in ensuring we have the best current assessment of the students' ability.

Similarly, in Year 13, coursework will need to be completed and revision of the subjects in preparation for University or Apprenticeships should continue to ensure a smooth transition into the next phase of their education. For both Year 11 and 13, I will send out further communication on what we would like to offer you to support your progression later next week. I ask all Parents and Carers to ensure work is being carried out as it would be if the May and June exam season was going ahead.

If your child normally receives free school meals in school we will be getting in touch separately to arrange for a weekly voucher to be issued.

Finally, I wanted to take the opportunity to thank you for your continued support. I will keep you updated as more information comes.

Yours Sincerely,

Mr L McDaid
Principal

