

19<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parent / Guardian,

Due to yesterday's announcement from the Prime Minister, Boris Johnson that all UK schools must close due to the spread of Coronavirus, we are writing to officially notify you of Dixons McMillan's closure.

This is an extremely difficult situation which impacts us all, but we believe that the closure of schools is necessary to ensure the safety, health and wellbeing of everyone and prevent further spread of the virus. The Prime Minister has advised that children should not be left with older grandparents or older relatives who may be particularly vulnerable to the Coronavirus.

Vulnerable children and children of key workers will continue to be able to come into school as normal. Examples of these key workers include NHS staff, Police and delivery drivers who need to be able to go to work. Vulnerable children include those who have a social worker and those with educational health and care plans.

Our staff have been working hard behind the scenes to devise a learning plan to ensure that your child still has the opportunity to continue their studies remotely. Please find details of our emergency education plan below:

08.00: Collective Learning: reading through 100% sheets and creating quizzes on different subjects  
08.35: Period one: English (please see tasks the English team have set scholars)  
09.30: Period two: Maths (please see the tasks the maths team have set scholars)  
10.25: Break  
10.45: Period three: Science (please see the tasks the science team have set scholars)  
11.40: Period four: Spanish (please see the tasks the MFL team have set scholars)  
12.35: DEAR: scholars should read for 40 minutes or be read to for 40 minutes  
13.15: Lunch break  
13.55: Period five: Humanities / Stretch (scholars should complete their Humanities tasks of work and Stretch)  
14:50: Period six: Arts / Options (please see the tasks the Arts / Options team have set scholars)

Throughout the closure, scholars will be sent work each morning to their school email address from a member of the Senior Leadership Team. The document will include details of the tasks key resources they need and who to contact for help. We would like them to follow the usual academy day as much as possible.

In addition to this, scholars have been sent an email link to give them access to electronic copies of their 100% sheets to support their learning. These sheets include key knowledge of the topics they have been studying. Scholars also have access to SAM Learning, Hegarty Maths and other online resources which their teachers have made available. We will also be making calls home to check scholars are safe and well and to keep in touch with you, our families.

If you are a key worker, please contact Mrs Gaskin ([SGaskin@dixonsma.com](mailto:SGaskin@dixonsma.com)). If you have any concerns about your child, as always, please email the Head of Year in the first instance. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the closure, please do not visit the school as staff will be working remotely, please call 01274 424350 or email [info@dixonsma.com](mailto:info@dixonsma.com)

As soon as we have an official date to re-open, we will communicate this with you via email and on the school website. Until then, we would like to offer our very best wishes and hope that anybody affected by this unprecedented virus makes a speedy recovery.

Yours sincerely,



**Laura Senior**  
Head of Academy

