

Dear Parents/Carers

As you know, the Government has said that schools must close from this Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup> for all students **other than for those whose parents are key workers and vulnerable students**. This letter updates you on the most recent details. All information from the school on COVID-19 and the school closure can be found at: <https://kingsolomonacademy.org/parents/coronavirus-updates>

### **Closure**

Both sites will close at 1pm on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March.

### **Key Worker Registration**

Until the Department for Education has confirmed which roles are specifically covered by the term Key Worker, our school will use the following criteria;

- Health sector workers
- Supermarket staff
- Food delivery workers
- School/ sixth form college or pre-school staff
- Social workers, nursery nurses, educational psychologists, and therapists (e.g. occupational therapists) employed by local authorities, CAFCASS or the NHS
- Emergency services providers i.e. fire brigade and police
- Local Authority Children's Services employees
- Royal Mail employees
- Military employees
- Utility workers
- Sanitation and refuse workers

The Government guidance states that school will be available to households where either both parents are key workers, or for key worker single parent households. If this applies to you and there are no other adults who can look after your children, please let us know by 12pm on Friday March 20<sup>th</sup> by filling out the form here:

### **[Key work registration form](#)**

We will also be sending a text message to you. This will include the same link, but if you have issues with the form, you can also reply "YES" to the text and we will get in touch with you. If you do not complete the form (or confirm by text) by 12pm, we cannot guarantee a place for your child in the Key Worker Childcare.

We will do our very best to offer as many places as we possibly can for the children of those who will be working so incredibly hard to keep our public services and food supplies operating.

This is such a fast-changing situation, so we will ask parents initially for the first two weeks, from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April inclusive.

### **Exams**

Exams are cancelled in May and June and the Secretary of State for Education says he will provide further information soon for students who are impacted. I have

written separately to all parents in Year 11 and 13 to give further details, click [here to see this letter](#).

### **Free school meals**

We will make sure that families of students who qualify for Free School Meals have information on our plans to provide food for children as soon as we have finalised them.

### **Learning at home**

Parents have been written to explain all the details of home learning, which will start for all pupils on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March. Details can be found here:

<https://kingsolomonacademy.org/remote-learning>

This is an unsettling and disruptive time for everyone and we will work together as a school and local community to face the challenging times ahead. Thank you for your support and understanding during these exceptional circumstances. If we can do anything more to help your family, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Best wishes,

Max Haimendorf  
Principal