



18th March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

Covid-19 Update, School Closure and Mufti Day for Worthing Food Bank

Firstly, can I thank you for the overwhelming support of our school over the last few days. We appreciate that it is a difficult time for all families but it is great to see how as a community we are taking care of each other. Your children continue to be a real credit to you and have approached the challenges with maturity and kindness towards each other.

Today the Government announced that all schools in England, Wales and Scotland will close from Friday, 20th March. However, our school will remain open for as long as possible for children of Key Workers – including front line NHS services, Police, Emergency Services, Teachers, those employed in care services working with vulnerable adults and children, CLA children and children with ECHP's, who do not have to isolate due to medical vulnerabilities in accordance with Public Health guidelines. Further details will be emailed tomorrow if these categories change.

To help us plan for this, please complete the following link **only** if you belong to one of the above groups and require your son or daughter to attend school from Monday 23rd March.

<https://forms.gle/oZrdzGnpR894BBQJ9>

I have already met with Year 10 and 11 students to explain what working from home would mean and how the school would continue to support them, albeit remotely. I will meet with the remaining year groups tomorrow and will provide you with full details of how we will set and monitor work. We are clear that our expectations are for every student to complete a regular school day from 8.40am until 2.50pm, following their regular timetable with specific lesson by lesson tasks set and reviewed by teachers on Edulink and Google Classroom. Please reinforce this message, since it will be important for them to maintain a regular working routine during home working/isolation.

If your child does not have access to a learning device (computer/laptop/iPad etc.) with internet connection please make us aware as soon as possible by emailing the office: office@chathigh.co.uk or phoning.

The Prime Minister also announced that GCSE exams will not take place in May and June. Understandably this news will be upsetting and stressful for our Year 11 students and it we will endeavour to support them in any way we can. The Prime Minister did say that students would not be disadvantaged by this decision and would receive their GCSE qualifications. It is unclear how this will work and I will update you as soon as I know the details.

Please note that Year 11 Parent Meetings due to take place next week have been cancelled, as has the Year 10 & 11 Charity Stopover, which was due to take place this Friday. Further details will follow shortly with regards to an alternative way of communicating feedback on your child's progress.



Currently we are in a position to keep the school open for all year groups and will aim to do this until Friday, providing we can do this safely.

The most up-to-date advice is that anyone who is experiencing symptoms of a new continuous cough or a high temperature should stay at home for 14 days. Anyone who lives in the same household should also self-isolate. Families who are self-isolating have been requested to stay indoors as much as physically possible and to order essential supplies on-line to be delivered, or ask a non-isolating family member or friend to leave the supplies at the front door.

We would request that all parents follow this advice and do not send a child to school if they have COVID-19 type symptoms. We have given the same advice to staff members, which has therefore had an impact on our functionality.

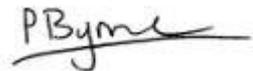
In addition to text and emails via Edulink, we will be posting all communications on the front of the school website: www.chathigh.co.uk

Finally, please can I ask for your support for our most vulnerable families in our school and local community. Already some families are struggling and do not have the sufficient food and funds to feed their children. To help with this, we will be having a Mufti day on Friday and are asking all students and staff to bring in at least one item from the list below for the Worthing Foodbank (<https://www.trusselltrust.org/get-help/find-a-foodbank/worthing-foodbank/>). Similarly, if you would like the school to make you a food hamper, please email kgodfrey@chathigh.co.uk and we will arrange this.

Please note that if your child is in receipt of Free School Meals (FSM) we are currently working with WSCC to agree a way in which this support can be continued. We will contact those parents/carers in due course.

As always, thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,



Mr Byrne

- **Fruit Juice (Long Life)**
- **Tinned Meat**
- **Tinned Tomatoes**
- **Milk (Long Life)**
- **Tinned Soups**
- **Tinned Vegetables**
- **Tinned Fruit**
- **Tinned Rice Pudding**
- **Tinned Fish**
- **Cereal**
- **Pasta Sauce**
- **Biscuits**
- **Rice (500g & 1 Kgs)**
- **Pasta (500g & 1 Kgs)**
- **Baked Beans**
- **Tea Bags (40's & 80's)**
- **Instant Mash**