



Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear parents/carers,

**Re: Coronavirus update – school closure to most pupils**

Following on from my last update, I am now writing to let you know that **we have now been instructed to close the school to almost all children after this Friday until further notice.**

As advised by the government, we will do all we can to stay open for the children of keyworkers (e.g. NHS staff, police, others in frontline services) and children with certain needs. We have put a form on our website so if you are a keyworker with a pupil at Greenfields Academy, you can notify us that you will require childcare, if we have capacity. However, to do this we also need to ensure our staffing capacity, in order to keep pupils and staff safe during this time. Currently we are having to prioritize families of keyworkers.

**All other children will need to stay at home, so we ask that you do not send your child into school from Monday onwards.**

Please note that this is a national closure – as you may have heard in the news – so while it is a challenging situation, we are not alone. We will re-open fully as soon as we can, and will let you know when this is through our website and social media pages.

**Free School Meals**

If your child usually receives a free school meal, we will also be in touch with more information about how we will continue to provide this, with support from a scheme that the government has just announced.

**What we won't be able to go ahead with:**

Breakfast Club/Lunch – Pupils who are in school will have to bring a packed lunch.

Parents Evening/Options Evening – these are both postponed until further notice.

Examinations – as explained by the government these are not taking place for Year 11 pupils.

After school clubs – these will not be available at this current time. All pupils who may be in school will leave at 2:30pm.

This is as much as we know right now and we appreciate your continued patience as we deal with this ever-changing situation. We understand that this latest news will have an impact on you and your family and it's far from ideal, but we'll continue to keep in touch with any updates as the situation develops.

If you want to get in touch to share any concerns, please don't hesitate to do so via our office on 01476 574112 or [enquiries@greenfields-cit.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@greenfields-cit.co.uk)

And remember: if you or your child feels ill and you want to know what to do next, please use [NHS 111 online](https://www.nhs.uk).

Thank you again for your continued support, and we will be in touch with more information when we can.

Yours sincerely,

EXECUTIVE HEAD

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