

COCKBURN SCHOOL

Specialist status in the Performing Arts



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Dear Parent / Carer,

Re: Coronavirus update – school closure to most students

Following on from my last update, **we have now been instructed to close the school to almost all students after this Friday 20th March 2020, until further notice.**

As advised by the government, we will do all we can to stay open for the children of key workers (e.g. NHS staff, police, others in frontline services) and children with certain needs in these challenging times.

We are waiting for the government to publish more information on what this means and will be in touch to gather more information in due course. We'll be in touch again as soon as we are sure who this does apply to.

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 by our website and social media.

As you are aware, we have been making arrangements for students to continue their learning via the website using our online learning portal as part of our contingency planning in these extraordinary times.

All students can access a range of subjects and materials to continue their learning at home. Please be reassured that the website is updated on a daily basis with learning materials, if for any reason your child is unable to access this, please email info@cockburnschool.org and we will support with this.

For Year 11 due to take external examinations the Government have now cancelled all summer exams. We are waiting for clarity for next steps on this, but as a school we have already captured professional predictions of what Year 11 students are most likely to achieve in their examinations as part of our normal procedures.

If your child usually receives free school meals 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.

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

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