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Dear all,

Following the Government announcement we will be open as usual for the vast majority of our pupils (vulnerable children / children of critical workers). You will have been contacted to see applies to you and your child.

Our priority remains the health, safety and welfare of all therefore provision will be based on what staff are available and what children that are attending. We recognise that pupils, families and staff will need to be able to self-isolate if required and ask that you follow the government guidelines. These can be found by following the links on our website.

If your work is critical to the COVID-19 response, or you work in one of the critical sectors listed within the link, and you cannot keep your child safe at home, then your children will be prioritised for education provision. The Harbour School will provide additional provision over the Easter period for children of parents who are critical workers. Please make the school aware by Tuesday 24th if you plan to use this provision and keep us updated with any change in plans as the school needs to ensure it has staff to service this.

We need to ensure that at this time when pupils may not be at school they continue to have the opportunity to learn. Therefore, the school will be in contact with you to provide work which can be paper based or through our learning platform.

Home / School transport will continue as usual. If you are aware that you will not require transport please inform the school at the earliest opportunity.

We will continue to provide food for our pupils. Therefore, pupils who are eligible for free school meals will continue to be provided with a lunch. Pupils who are unable to attend can be provided with a 'grab and go' lunch. These can be collected from the school. If you require one of these lunches please contact reception.

GCSE exams have been cancelled this year. We recognise the hard work of our pupils, staff and parents in preparation for external exams. The government will update how pupils will be given grades and this can be seen by following the link on our website.

For pupils in year 11 we are looking at how we can provide additional support around college, apprenticeship, training and work applications to ensure that they are fully supported in their next steps in life. We will be in contact shortly with these pupils.

Finally, may I thank you for your patience with such challenging circumstances. The strong relationships developed between pupils, families and the school has never been so important. If we can support you in any way, please do not hesitate to make contact with the school.

Yours faithfully,

Matthew McLoughlin-Parker
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