

Kettlethorpe High School

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Headteacher: Mr T Griffiths



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Following the announcement this evening from the Prime Minister informing us that schools in England will be closing to all but the children of essential workers.

This is a working context which raises many questions that school leaders will look to address in school tomorrow. We have had no guidance or advice from, as of yet, central government, the Department for Education or Wakefield Local Authority.

Tomorrow school will once again be open to all pupils except those in Year 8 and Year 9 as already communicated to you.

Whilst it has been challenging today in school with a significant number of staff now absent, we have had a very positive day of learning. This will be continued until the end of this week.

For our Year 11 pupils we are too are frustrated and saddened to hear that examinations this summer are not to take place as planned. You have all worked very hard and deserve to have your efforts and commitment recognised as with previous year groups. You will still have the opportunity to move onto post-16 studies and employment. It will just be a different and a unique year.

Our advice to you all is to remain focussed and to continue with your studies and learning. This is for two reasons. Firstly, things could well change and the examinations may take place at a later date and, secondly, strong learning habits and good subject knowledge will benefit and allow you to accelerate ahead of others when you do leave Kettlethorpe High School. Do hang in there!

As has previously been said, these are indeed uncertain and challenging times for everyone. As a school community we are all in this together.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation. An update will be communicated, again, tomorrow evening.

Very best wishes,

Tudor Griffiths
Headteacher