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TO ALL PARENTS/CARERS

Dear Parents and Carers

Update

I am writing to confirm that as of Monday 23 March 2020 Cams Hill School will be open ONLY to pupils of key workers, pupils with an EHCP or allocated social worker and some of our more vulnerable pupils. I am sad for our school community to have to confirm this in writing but paramount is the need to follow Government guidance to ensure the health, safety and wellbeing of our pupils, staff, parents, carers and wider school community. We are not closed contrary to media representation as we are required to be open to provide childcare for children of key workers.

The following information is for families of children who will not be attending school 'until further notice' in line with guidance issued yesterday.

Expectations for home learning

Government have confirmed that there will be no requirement for the teaching of the National Curriculum during school closure. Whilst the school is 'closed', however, Cams Hill School staff will provide online work for our pupils in all year groups via ClassCharts. Teachers will be updating work set as and when they can, dependent on their own situation and circumstances.

As a guide:

Year 11 – despite the announcement yesterday and exams being cancelled in May/June 2020 there is a multitude of online work for pupils to complete. Staff had populated this prior to the announcement being made. It is available for pupils to complete should they wish to do so.

Year 10 – teachers will set project based tasks and activities relating directly to the scheme of learning for pupils in their teaching groups. An indication of expected hours for completion will be given where possible.

Years 7, 8 and 9 – home learning project based tasks and activities will be set by teachers.

You will also find it invaluable to regularly check our website home page, our school Facebook page and to follow our social media accounts and profiles in order to benefit from the many links that we are sharing relating to other schools and to education professionals who have collated resources to support parents and carers with home learning for their children. Further information will follow and we plan to signpost activities, ideas and initiatives that are being produced to support this unique home learning period that we are about to enter.

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Communication with Cams Hill School

As we remain open for children of key workers, we intend to staff the Main Reception and our email inboxes while staffing permits. Our response time may vary. If you have a specific query regarding your child relating to a subject or online work set, please email office@camshill.com identifying clearly who you would like the email to be passed on to – please be advised that whilst we endeavour to provide a response this will be dependent on availability and we thank you for your patience in this regard. Should you have a pastoral concern then we have set up the following email addresses that will be monitored by year team staff.

Y7-2020@camshill.com

Y8-2020@camshill.com

Y9-2020@camshill.com

Y10-2020@camshill.com

Y11-2020@camshill.com

Safeguarding and mental health and wellbeing

It is the responsibility of parents and carers to safeguard their child/children whilst not at school. There is a page on our website providing signposting and guidance should you have any concerns. You can also contact the school using the email addresses as identified above but recognising that response times may vary. We will be signposting various activities and resources to support the physical and mental health of our pupils during such unprecedented and unsettling times.

Key Worker School

Some points for clarity at this stage:

1. All parents/carers will receive a separate communication about 'Key Worker School' once the list has been issued from central government. If you are defined as a Key Worker household, you will receive confirmation that your child / children have a place and the details around what key worker school may look like with regard to timings and expectations by (we anticipate) lunchtime tomorrow.
2. Key worker school will available at Cams Hill School over the Easter holidays.

Thank you so much for your overwhelming positivity and support. We will be having extraordinary assemblies tomorrow in order to speak directly to pupils in years 7, 9 and 10 before the school closes. As I said to Year 8 in their last assembly today, we all need to be safe, be positive, be thoughtful and most importantly be kind.

With my very best wishes

Yours sincerely

Mrs G Harrison-Jones
Headteacher