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17th March 2020

Dear Parents & Carers

In light of the fast changing situation regarding the Covid-19 coronavirus outbreak and the updated advice from the government we can no longer keep school open to all students. We have a significant number of staff with underlying health issues as well as some staff who are self-isolating due to themselves or family members having symptoms.

Therefore, as of tomorrow, school will be closed to Year 7, 8 and 9 until further notice. Year 10 are on work experience this week. School will be open to Year 11, 12 and 13 from tomorrow onwards because they have exams and we need to do all we can to ensure they are not disadvantaged in the build up to their exams.

We are also mindful of parents and carers that work for the NHS and the impact school closure will have on them being able to do their jobs. Therefore, if you do work for the NHS and have a child in Year 7-9 and do not have any other childcare, then we will accommodate these students in school. If this applies to you can you please contact the school using your NHS email address at info@glossopdale.school.

Students' learning

It is important that students' education continues during the period that school is closed for them. We are taking the following steps to provide some education for your child.

Teaching staff will set work for all students in Years 7-9 to complete at home. All work will be set on Google Classroom. We will create resource packs using hard copies of resources and stationery for students who have limited access to the internet, please let us know if you require one or more of these and we will make arrangements for you to receive one.

Many staff will set some work requiring students to log on to online platforms that we subscribe to in school, including Mathswatch and Educake (for Science). Students should have their login details and have previously been asked to write these in their planners.

We will also email out more detailed guidance for supporting your child in remote learning, what feedback students can expect, suggested websites, help with logging on to Google Classroom/Mathswatch and links to the guidance for parents and students on our website.

If your child has special educational needs or is entitled to any additional support in school, please email sendco@glossopdale.school and we will be able to help your child access appropriate materials and support.

Safeguarding

As a school we play a role not only in educating students but also in safeguarding. We want to make sure that our safeguarding responsibilities are maintained for all students. If you, or your child, have any immediate safeguarding concerns about a child, where there is an immediate risk of harm, then you must contact Derbyshire Social Care on 01629 533190, or the Police on 101.

For those families currently working with Mrs Welch or Mrs Taylor, the School's Family Support Workers, if you feel that you need additional support during the school closure then please contact them using their school email address, familysupport@glossopdale.school

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Other sources of support available to families during the school closure include:

<https://www.safe4me.co.uk/resources/> - Advice and Support for parents, carers and guardians as part of our commitment to working in partnership to keep children and young people safe.

<https://www.services.actionforchildren.org.uk/derbyshire/> - committed to helping the most vulnerable children and young people in the UK break through injustice, deprivation and inequality.

<https://www.changegrowlive.org/young-people/derbyshire-cgl-young-peoples-service> Derbyshire CGL is a free and confidential drug and alcohol outreach service for young people up to the age of 19

<https://www.childline.org.uk/> Childline – online, on the phone, any time. Need to talk? Get support – 0800 1111

<https://www.samaritans.org/> Samaritans - Whatever you're going through, a Samaritan will face it with you. 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Call 08457 90 90 90 or 116 123 or email jo@samaritans.org

<https://www.kooth.com/> Free, safe and anonymous online support for young people

<https://www.healthyyoungmindspennine.nhs.uk/> Healthy Young Minds – A child and adolescent mental health service

<https://www.togmind.org/services/hive> Tameside, Oldham and Glossop Mind – mental health service

<http://www.crossroadsderbyshire.org/> If you or someone you know is affected by domestic abuse, Crossroads Derbyshire offers confidential advice and support in Glossop, the High Peak and the North Dales. If you need help, or know someone who does, call on 0800 0198 668

<http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/startingpoint> If you are concerned that a child is suffering or is at risk of significant harm please contact Call Derbyshire on 01629 533190 immediately

Trips and Visitors

As of tomorrow we will no longer invite visitors onto the school site and all trips in the near future will be cancelled. We will make decisions about trips due to take place in the summer term as we get more advice from the DfE.

We will use e-mail to update you, or on the above provision, during the school closure. We can also post messages on our website www.glossopdale.school if necessary.

Any general questions about the school closure can be addressed to info@glossopdale.school

Please contact us if you have any questions,

Yours faithfully,

Mrs D McGloin
Headteacher

