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**TO ALL PARENTS/CARERS**

Our Ref: SKN/lha

19<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

**Partial Closure – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

Due to continued staff absence, the Academy will remain in partial closure on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2020.

Students in Years 8, 9 and 10 should not attend unless their parents/carers are key workers. Key workers are defined by the Government as:

- all NHS staff;
- teachers, including further education teachers and Early Years/nursery teachers;
- police officers and community support officers in specified forces;
- frontline police staff (civilians) may also be eligible in some areas;
- prison officers and some Prison Service staff in prisons in specified areas;
- probation officers;
- local authority (LA) or NHS social workers;
- uniformed staff, in fire and rescue services;
- armed forces personnel;
- Highway Agency traffic officer staff;
- LA environmental health officers/practitioners;
- Care workers;
- Food / supermarket delivery drivers and other workers

Year 7 and Year 11 students should continue to attend, providing they are symptom free and the people they live with are also symptom free. Please continue to register absence using the Academy absence line.

The Government yesterday announced that all schools will be closed after Friday until further notice. The exception will again be those students whose parents/carers are key workers (as defined above but possibly subject to change following Government update) and 'vulnerable students' – we await the final definition of this group from the Government.

In relation to students collecting books, this is both logistically very challenging and having sought advice, not recommended due to the need to implement social distancing. Our advice is to complete work on lined or plain paper, collate this in a file and when your child returns to the Academy this can be stuck into their books.

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I want to remind you that staff at Hanham Woods Academy remain absolutely committed to all students whether they are physically attending the academy or working remotely at home. We are also committed to supporting these students' families. If you experience challenging circumstances over the coming weeks or months please do reach out to the Academy and we will endeavour to offer support. We have a designated email address for issues and enquiries related to the school closure and if you need to request support: [HWAclosure@clf.uk](mailto:HWAclosure@clf.uk)

We will continue to communicate via text, letter and through various social media platforms.

Thank you for your ongoing support and please stay safe and stay strong.

Yours sincerely



**Mr Steve T Kneller**  
**Academy Principal**