



THE
ADEYFIELD ACADEMY
Learning Without Limits

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Dear Colleagues, Parents, Carers and Governors,

The world today feels surreal and has changed unimaginably at a rapid pace. I am sure you will have all seen the Prime Minister's address last night and the speech given by the Education Secretary, Gavin Williamson, in the House of Commons. As always, I want to keep you as informed as much as I can about what this will mean for our school community.

Due to this recent announcement from the Prime Minister, all UK schools must close due to the spread of Coronavirus. I am therefore writing to officially notify you that The Adeyfield Academy will close at 3.00pm on Friday 20 March 2020 to all students, apart from those mentioned below.

This is an extremely difficult situation which impacts all of us, but we believe that the closure of school is necessary to ensure the safety, health and wellbeing of everyone and to prevent further spread of the virus.

It is clear that the intention is to protect the most vulnerable members of the school and wider communities and to provide capacity for those individuals who are in the front line of the conflict against Coronavirus and The Adeyfield Academy will seek to support as best as we can:

- Vulnerable children will continue to be able to come into school as normal. Such children include those who have a social worker and those with educational health and care plans. Your child's key contact will call you separately to discuss this.
- Children of key workers will also continue to come into school as normal, if both parents fall into this category. Some examples of key workers include NHS staff, police, teachers, education support staff and delivery drivers who need to be able to go to work. We will be collating this information, and would be grateful if you could complete a key worker form via [this link](#). **We will need your response by midnight tonight (19 March).**

We are open as normal today and Friday to all students in all year groups and we will run lessons as usual even though some are collapsed due to class sizes. Learning and reading continues and we will continue to keep posting work on the virtual learning platform for the foreseeable future. Additionally, we will receive updates of the awarding of both GCSE and A Level grades as this year, as there will be no examinations in May and June. We cannot speculate how this will be awarded at this stage but we should all be reassured that no young person will be disadvantaged. Until we know definitively what is happening, students should use the time to focus on the studies set online using Google Classroom and we will share the guidance from Ofqual as soon as received.

We are asking students to take home belongings from lockers tomorrow, so if an additional bag could be brought into school tomorrow, this would be helpful.

The canteen remains open to those children still attending school. Free School Meal students have been contacted to confirm arrangements for ongoing support.

We are limited with the number of laptops due to many already being distributed but please inform the school if you do not have access to a laptop or computer.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the closure, please do not visit the school but email admin@adeyfield.herts.sch.uk. As soon as we know more and have an official date to re-open, we will communicate this with you via email and the school website.

I thank you for your kindness, support and understanding. Keep well.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dawn Mason". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'D'.

Dawn Mason
Principal