



19th March 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

School Closure

Thank you again for all your support with the current situation around Coronavirus. The government have announced that schools across the UK will close end of day on Friday 20th March to all pupils except those of front line workers who do not have an alternative means of childcare and children who are classed as vulnerable. There is currently no guidance being given about when this closure will end.

We are quickly making the necessary arrangements and in order to firm up our plans, please can I ask parents to confirm via email or telephone by 2pm today, 19th March, if you class yourself as a front-line worker **and** require us to make provision for your child. Front line workers include NHS workers, police, delivery drivers and retail. If your situation changes during the closure and you later require this provision you will be able to contact us on the main school number.

Throughout this period of closure, we will send updates via text and via our social media as below:

Website: <https://www.magnusacademy.co.uk/>

Facebook: /magnuscofe

Twitter: @magnuscofe

It is **important that our students continue to learn** during the school closure. The steps that we have put in place to ensure this is still possible are outlined below:

Years 7 - 9

- Work will be available via our school website. Links to this will be made from Facebook and Twitter.
- Students are expected to work through all of their subjects through the duration of the week, independently in their knowledge organiser books.
- This will be checked upon their return to school.

Years 10 and 12

- Work will be set and marked via Microsoft Office Teams using this link: [Portal.office.com](https://portal.office.com)
- All students have been given a tutorial in how to use this. Additional guidance is attached and will be available on our school website, Facebook page and Twitter.
- **Students must access teams daily** where their teachers will set and mark work and be available for support throughout the day.

All students also have access to a knowledge organiser that details key knowledge for this half term and time would be well spent memorising and being tested on this core knowledge. These will be updated each half term and uploaded to the website.

Children Eligible for Free School Meals

The local authority is yet to announce what arrangements are to be put in place for the provision of food for children eligible for free school meals (whether they are at home or at school), but we hope to be able to share more information on this shortly.

As a school we have put in place a voucher system for the Subway by Asda in Newark which will allow students who are eligible for free school meals to get a lunch deal each day for the next two weeks. We will confirm further arrangements from the local authority as soon as we have them.



If you have any issues or concerns relating to school work during the closure please contact the school using the following email address: office@magnusacademy.co.uk. We can also be contacted via a direct message to Facebook and Twitter. All these accounts will be monitored.

If you have any concerns, please feel free to contact the school on the main number, 01636 680066 and press 1 to speak to a member of staff who will be able to assist.

Yours faithfully

Mrs A Martin
Principal