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School Closure Update

Dear Parent / Carer

I write with a further update following the Education Secretary, Gavin Williamson’s announcement in the House of Commons. He stated:

“The spike of the virus is progressing at a faster pace than anticipated.”

I can confirm that Netherhall Learning Campus High School will close at the end of the school day on Friday 20 March 2020. This is something of a shock for our school community, and something that none of us wanted to happen, but is a response to the unprecedented situation that is facing our nation.

As instructed by the Government, this closure will be the case for almost all children. The Government has asked parents to keep their children at home, wherever possible and asked schools to remain open only for those children who absolutely need to attend. If it is at all possible for children to be at home, then they should be. Parents should do everything they can to ensure children are not mixing socially in a way which can continue to spread the virus.

Schools have been asked to support children of specific key workers.

Key Workers include:

- NHS staff
- Nurses
- Doctors
- Paramedics
- Police (and other emergency services)
- Supermarket delivery drivers

We will contact you again should this list change.

Vulnerable children include:

- Looked After Children
- Those who have a social worker
- Those with an educational health and care plan

Of course, we understand that some families who meet the above criteria may prefer to make alternative childcare arrangements using family members or friends to provide care and support children with home learning.

If you require your child who you have parental responsibility for to attend school during this time, we would ask that you contact school **by 1pm today**. We will require evidence of your position within the key worker sector such as an ID badge, wage slip or a letter from your employer.

On behalf of all of the staff and governors of Netherhall Learning Campus High School, I would like to thank you for your ongoing support during this very difficult time.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Kent', written in a cursive style.

Michael Kent
Principal