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Dear Parents/Carers

Re: School Closure

Following last night's announcement from the Government, that schools would be closing for students after the end of day on Friday, 20 March until further notice, I would like to update you with the following arrangements:

- Heston Community School will remain open today – Thursday, 19 March 2020 - for students in Y11, Y12 & Y13 and close on Friday. Students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 should continue to access work via Show my Homework
- With regard to public examinations, Year 11 and Year 13 students will continue to be supported over the next two days. Authorities will be updating schools with further information on how they are going to use teacher assessments to create their final grades. It is, therefore, crucial that students engage fully with the teaching materials placed on SMHW to support staff in making an accurate and fair assessment of the grade that will be given to exam boards
- The School will continue to offer all students entitled to a free school meal at lunch between 12:20 and 13:00 in our canteen – unless they are self-isolating
- All Year 11 and Year 13 after school and holiday interventions are cancelled
- If you are a key worker, as defined by the Government, please inform the School of this via the info@hestoncs.org email address and title it 'Key worker'
- The school will be undertaking a risk assessment for each student who is defined as 'vulnerable' by the Government and will contact families on a case-by-case basis before we close on Friday, 20 March 2020.

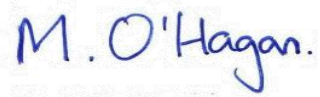
We appreciate that many of those who work in these 'key worker sectors' will rightly be concerned. However, in line with the Government guidance, the School would strongly encourage all eligible parents to take full advantage of this offer.

At this time of increased pressure on our health and emergency services, we all need to ensure we do everything to enable your service to continue. If you have any enquiries, please contact the School on 0208 572 1931.

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Once again we would like to thank all our families for their continued support during these unprecedented times. We will update families via our website if any of this information changes or when we receive new guidance.

Yours faithfully



Mike O'Hagan
Deputy Headteacher