

19th March 2020

School Closure

Dear Parent/Carer,

As you will be aware, the Government announced that schools will close from Friday until further notice in order to prevent the further spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19).

IES Breckland will follow this guidance and will be closed to all students except the children of key workers and vulnerable children.

Examples of key workers include NHS staff, police and delivery drivers who need to be able to go to work. Vulnerable children include those who have a social worker and those with Education, Health and Care Plans.

We will conduct a parent survey using Survey Monkey to establish those of you wishing to take advantage of the school provision. At this time, we are not sure of the nature of the provision, whether it will be a timetable of lessons or supervision and will provide more information in due course. Whilst we would appreciate completion of the survey, you may also contact us directly if you wish for your child to continue to attend school from Monday onwards. Once the Government's list of key workers has been published later today, we will send you a link to the parent survey.

The Government have also announced that the school will be given the flexibility to provide meals or vouchers to children eligible for free school meals. Again, we are not exactly sure how this will happen but will keep you fully informed.

We have been contacted by St Peter's Church in Brandon. Assistance will be available from the church (ie food, shopping, collecting medicine and support for spiritual wellbeing). Please contact Reverend Coburn and her team by email (enquiry@stpetersbrandon.co.uk), telephone (01842 811189) or the St Peter's Church Brandon Facebook page.

The Government also announced that examinations will not take place in May/June. We know this will create anxiety and worry amongst our Year 11 students. The announcement stated that students will get the results they deserve, but we are not sure how the Government will manage this process. We will provide you with further information as it is received.

Whilst we understand the school closure will cause disruption for many families, we have robust plans in place so that your child can continue their education during this time. You will have received a previous communication with this information. More details in relation to student work schedules will be issued today. Work for next week will be available on Go4Schools tomorrow. The students are aware of what is expected of them.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your understanding and ongoing support in helping us to manage this unprecedented situation. I will keep you fully informed of all developments as information is received by the school.

Yours faithfully



Jon Winn

Principal