

[Whitmore High School - Coronavirus update \(19th March 2020\)](#)

Dear Parent/Carer,

As you will be aware, Welsh Government has decided that all schools will close from Friday 20th March 2020. Our provision remains as follows:

Friday 20th March - Normal timetabled lessons for all pupils.

From the week beginning Monday 23rd March the school will 're-purpose' to help support those most in need, including the children of those involved in supporting the country's efforts to manage and deal with the Covid-19 virus.

As a consequence, the school will be operating provision for children of front-line workers.

Front - Line workers

Front-line workers have been identified as those who are working for the NHS, workers in care settings, people who are involved in retail delivery, those manufacturing equipment such as ventilators and essential front-line services such as police, fire etc.

To offer supervision for the children of the above we need to properly prepare to deliver this provision. We therefore need to identify which, and how many, children fall into this category and will be attending school from Monday 23rd March.

We will not be accepting pupils in this category without prior request and authorisation in advance. We therefore ask parents to email the school via the following email address,

ralphsT1@hwbmail.net

with the following information – Child's name, year group/form and parent/carer's occupation.

For these pupils the school will operate its normal school hours of 8:30 am to 2:55 pm every day.

I respectfully remind you that the supervision for health front-line workers is voluntary, now that Welsh Government have formally closed schools from Friday and we will only continue to operate these services if safe for our staff who are volunteering.

Pupils Entitled to Free School Meals

These pupils will be provided with a free school meal at the school, further information on this will follow.

Online Learning

Details of how your child can continue with informal learning at home will be on the school's website and Twitter page: -

Website: <https://www.whitmorehigh.org>

Twitter: @whitmorehigh

External Examinations

All examinations for the summer of 2020 are cancelled by the Welsh Government. This means that pupils due to sit GCSE and A Level examinations will not sit examinations and will be awarded a fair grade to recognise their work, drawing on the range of information that is available. Schools will be informed in due course, what this range of evidence will be and of the process for awarding. The link to the Qualifications Wales website which will provide this information to schools, pupils and parents is as follows:

<https://www.qualificationswales.org/english/>

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