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'The school's work to promote pupils' personal development and welfare is outstanding'. (Ofsted)

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Dear Parent/ Guardians,

Yesterday I wrote to parents regarding the partial opening of school to the children of key workers and vulnerable students as identified by the government. Having reviewed the details of our questionnaire and the criteria shared this morning I am in a position to confirm that your child can be catered for in school from Monday.

Please be aware that your child will not be fulfilling a full curriculum. The provision we will provide will be a combination of different activities. They will include completing independent work set by the student's subject teachers, develop their IT skills, playing sports and games as well as developing their creative skills. However, this will be completely dependent on our ability to staff the school safely and the resources we have available.

Can you please ensure that your child brings normal school equipment, PE kit and a reading book to school every day. Food will be available in school but we will have a limited range. If you wish your child can bring a packed lunch. If your child is entitled to a free school meal they will receive it in school. If your child wishes to bring a break time snack they should do so. Students should be in full school uniform and normal expectations apply. The school site will be open from 8.30 am. All students should line up outside the library facing A Block at 8.45 am. Registration will be at 8.50 and break and lunch will be at the same time as a normal school day.

We will have members of SLT, a member of site staff and several support staff as well as a core group of teachers in school during the day. However, the principal of closing schools is underpinned by the need to reduce social contact. Therefore, whilst staffing ratios will be compliant and safe, we will not always have somebody available to field queries and take calls on reception. Please only ring school if your child is ill on the day or in the case of emergencies. If no one is available, please leave a message or email admin@hhhs.net and we will respond as soon as possible.

Yesterday, I was informed that Finches are withdrawing their school bus service from Monday 23rd of March until further notice. This is beyond our control. My understanding is that local public buses service including the Stagecoach services one and two will continue to run, though on a reduced service. More information is available at www.my.tfgm.com/#!/planner/.

As we continue to comply with the government guidance relating to COVID-19 we may have to contact you during the day if your child displays symptoms. Please ensure that you read the latest guidance and encourage your child to follow the advice relating to washing their hands and social interaction. **Can I remind you that if your child is currently in self-isolation you must not send them to school until the end of the fourteen day period in line with Government guidance. We have an accurate record of when that time elapses. In addition do not send your child to school if they are displaying any symptoms, however mild.** As always we will have first aiders on site and we have a dedicated team of cleaning staff who will continue to rigorously clean the buildings in use on a daily basis.



As the situation is fluid, we may have to modify our offer, possibly at short notice. This may be as a result of the national context as a result of a lack of staff. If this occurs we may have to prioritise certain groups. All I can guarantee is that if this occurs, we will let you know as soon as we can to allow you to make alternative arrangements.

Please be aware that the provision we are going to provide in school during this challenging period is not statutory. However, as public servants, the teaching staff, support staff and the leadership team are willing to fulfil this duty whilst also providing online provision for the rest of the school.

As always, thank you for your continued support. It is greatly appreciated. We are all concerned about our loved ones and need to look after each other. We are very proud of our young people and staff and the way they have coped with this challenge has been inspirational.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'MK', with a long, flowing horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Mr Klinck
Headteacher