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Dear Parents and Carers,

Coronavirus update

Following the Government's announcement yesterday, William Ellis School will be closed to all students except for children of key workers in Years 7-9 and vulnerable young people from Monday 23rd March. The school will be closed to all other students until further notice.

Which students will be the school open for?

Children of Key Workers

We are committed to playing our part in helping our society meet the challenges ahead. One way that schools can help is by supervising children of key workers so that they can carry on working. So that we can do this, for parents and carers with boys in years 7, 8 and 9, **we ask that you let us know if all the adults in your household are key workers.** The Government has not yet defined 'key worker', but we are asking you to let us know if you work in a role on the list below **and** would like your child to come to school so that you can attend work.

Please let us know by e-mailing admin@williamellis.camden.sch.uk as soon as possible and ideally by midday tomorrow, Friday 20th March so that we can plan for Monday 23rd March.

- National Health Service staff
- School staff
- Police officers & Community Support Officers
- Prison officers
- Probation Service staff
- Social workers, educational psychologists, and therapists
- Local Authority Planners
- Firefighters
- Ministry of Defence personnel
- Environmental Health Officers
- Highway Agency Traffic Officers
- Delivery Drivers
- Pharmacy workers, supermarket/food workers
- Cleaners at an organisation which is remaining open during the school closure period
- Social care

If your role does not appear on the list above but all adults in the household are 'keyworkers' in the dealing with coronavirus, please e-mail us admin@williamellis.camden.sch.uk as soon as possible and we will advise whether we are able to accept your child at school. Please also contact us if your son is in Year 10 or 11 and you would like support with supervision.

Vulnerable children

We have a list of vulnerable children for whom the school will be open, and we be will contacting their parents and carers over the next few days. If you have not received communication from us by Monday 23rd March and believe that your child may be vulnerable, please get in touch with us on Monday 23rd March. Please email admin@williamellis.camden.sch.uk or telephone the school.

Work for students during the closure

Letters sent previously have explained how students will work from home during the closure. Be assured that we have a plan in place to ensure that students can access the curriculum and receive regular feedback from their teachers as usual.

Please be aware that it will take some time for all class resources to be uploaded onto Teams. Once school is closed, teachers who are well and who are not caring for others can move to supporting online learning. Currently those teachers who have been in school have been fully occupied teaching the students attending school.

Please note that the login username for Office 365 (for access to Teams) needs to have the suffix: @wes.camden.school

Free School Meals

Provision for students who are eligible for Free School Meals will be made during the closure. Details of how this will work in practice will be made available as soon as we have them

Please check the school's website for the latest information.

My very best wishes for you and your family at this difficult time.

Yours sincerely,

Sam White
Headteacher