

18th March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

COVID-19 – School Closure

I am writing following Education Secretary Gavin Williamson's and Boris Johnson's statements this evening. Both the Education Secretary and Prime Minister announced that schools would shut across the country from Friday afternoon.

We still intend to be open Thursday and Friday this week. The arrangements for Thursday will be the same as today; we will be open for students in Years 7, 10, 11, 12 and 13. Year 8 and 9 students will be set work on Show My Homework. We currently have 25% of staff in self-isolation (although I still want to emphasise that no staff or student has tested positive for Covid-19). I will review staff absence tomorrow and inform you of arrangements for Friday.

From Friday, I have asked staff at Furze Platt Senior School to set work as detailed in my letter of Monday 16 March available here: <https://www.furzeplatt.com/news/?pid=3&nid=1&storyid=1535>.

Staff will be setting work using Show My Homework. Should you or your children have trouble accessing Show My Homework please use the following link:
<https://www.furzeplatt.com/news/?pid=3&nid=1&storyid=1538>.

The future is clearly uncertain as to when Furze Platt Senior School may reopen. I know that many students, parents, carers and staff will be concerned about upcoming examinations. I have just heard Boris Johnson indicate that examinations will not happen as normal in May and June. However, as of yet no further details have been provided. Please look out for communications from the school and we will aim to notify you as soon as we receive more information.

At this difficult time, I send you and your families every best wish. Take care and keep well.

Yours sincerely,

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