



THE ECCLESBOURNE SCHOOL

'Learning Together For The Future'

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General School Closure: Coronavirus

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week we wrote to you with details of the general school closure and with information about the arrangements we have put in place for children of key workers and vulnerable children to come to school. We would like to thank you for your assistance in providing information which has helped us to plan our provision. We are asking that parents update us at the end of each week so that we know which children to expect. Please follow the link below and complete the online form if your children are eligible to attend and you will be sending them in to school for all or part of next week. We would like to reiterate that this service is only for children of key workers and those classed as vulnerable and that if you can make other arrangements then you should do so. If you do send your child to school but then subsequently decide to keep them at home please do contact school reception in the usual way to explain why they are not in school and so that we know they are safe and well. All other children will need to stay at home.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Lo-X9734kmD0uDJK3svH-hJFFINFRJo8eGaJ7ynS9UQUxUUU5CTEizWDA4UTM1NIUyMURMT1k3Qy4u>

Last Friday we wrote to explain that the government announced the approach they will take to the award of grades at GCSE and A Level. The exam boards will be asking teachers, who know their students well, to submit their judgement about the grade that they believe the student would have received if exams had gone ahead. The exam boards will then combine this information with other relevant data, including prior attainment, and use this information to produce a calculated grade for each student, which will be a best assessment of the work they have put in. The aim is to provide these calculated grades to students before the end of July. In terms of a permanent record, the grades will be indistinguishable from those provided in other years. **Yesterday, Ofqual, the body responsible for overseeing the fairness of the examination system, said that they will outline by Easter the process they will follow to make sure grades are fair across schools and colleges, as well as their proposals for appeals.** We will write to you as soon as we have received this information to explain our next steps.

The Show My Homework system is being used to maintain remote teaching for all. Work will be set regularly and priority will be given to students in Year 10 and 12. Work will also be set each week for students in Years 7, 8 and 9. If your child's teacher has set work that requires online submission, they should click on the submit tab on the top of the homework screen. Students can then enter a comment in the text box and attach the work using the "Add Attachment" button. To submit the work students must click the green "Submit Assignment to Teacher" button.

If you have any questions or simply wish to touch base with us here at school please contact Reception or email rnicol@ecclesbourne.derbyshire.sch.uk and a senior member of staff will do their best to help.

Thank you again for your continued support.

With our sincere best wishes,

Robert Nicoll,
Deputy Head Teacher

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