



# THE ECCLESBOURNE SCHOOL

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## **National School Closure**

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

I am sorry to have to write to you again so soon. However, following the government statement this evening it is important that you have clear information to help you plan.

The government have announced a national school closure starting tomorrow.

This means that the school will be closed to all students apart from vulnerable children and the children of critical workers. If you have booked a place for your child as part of this provision they may attend school tomorrow as planned.

Parents of students in receipt of free school meals will receive a voucher to the value of a £15 per week. This voucher will be delivered electronically via text or email through the Wonde system.

Coronavirus testing using the rapid lateral flow test will be available to staff and those students attending critical worker provision from tomorrow. Thank you to parents who have logged on to ParentPay to provide parental consent. Testing is not compulsory and your child may attend the critical worker provision without being tested.

The government have also announced that this year's examinations will not be going ahead as planned. We await further details of their alternative arrangements. I want to offer my reassurance to all our parents, carers and students that we will not allow them to be disadvantaged by these arrangements. Teachers will work very hard to provide high quality remote learning for all year groups. For Year 11 and 13 students I would also like to emphasise the importance of completing their courses so they are fully prepared for their next steps.

We hope to have more detail in the coming days and I will continue to keep you informed.

Best wishes and stay safe,

Yours sincerely,

James McNamara

Head Teacher