



Dear Parents/Carers

As you are no doubt aware, due to the outbreak of coronavirus (COVID-19), Warlingham School and Sixth Form College has, alongside all other educational providers, been directed to close to the majority of students from 19th March 20. The government have however asked schools, colleges, nurseries, childminders and other registered childcare settings to remain open for children of critical workers and vulnerable children where they can. Your child has been identified as falling into one of these categories.

- 1) Vulnerable children include those who have a social worker and those with education, health and care (EHC) plans. Children who have a social worker include children in need, children who have a child protection plan and those who are looked after by the local authority.
- 2) Critical workers include staff who need to be able to go out to work. In order to continue to offer critical services as part of the country's ongoing response to the virus, children of workers who form a central part of effort - such as NHS workers, police and delivery drivers - can also continue to attend school, college or childcare provider. Children with at least one parent or carer who are identified as critical workers by the government can send their children to school if required. A full [list of critical workers and further information](#) is available on the link embedded in this text.

Many parents/carers including those working the critical sectors may be able to ensure their child is kept at home. **Every child who can be safely cared for at home should be.** We want to stress that the offer to parents and carers is optional. There is no requirement for parents and carers to send their children to school if they do not need or wish to do so.

For vulnerable children, the child's social worker will work with you to assess the best option for your child. Many parents working in these critical sectors may be able to ensure their child is kept at home. Every child who can be safely cared for at home should be.

Should your child attend school during this closure, s/he will be supervised to complete the work that their peers will be completing at home. We would want you to be aware that students are unlikely to have access to specialist teachers. However, they will be in a safe and appropriately staffed environment.

If you are intending to send your son/daughter in next week, the day will run almost identically alongside the normal school day, starting marginally later at 8.45am and will run until 3.10pm.

Students will be asked to attend registration at the start of each day in the main hall at 8.45am.

School uniform is not required but sensible and suitable clothing and footwear are requested in the same manner as a mufti-day.

Students will have a break and lunch and will have access to the canteen in the same manner as normal. They can of course bring a lunch pack if they wish. Please note, students will also be asked to bring sportswear in order to undertake a physical activity session daily – this can but does not need to be school PE kit.

During the reduced school day, reception will not necessarily be operational. In the event that you need to contact someone in an emergency, a member of the senior leadership team will be on duty between the hours of 8am to 5pm. The duty phone number will be; **07920 533800**

If your child is not able to attend school please ensure you call attendance via the main school switchboard on 0188362 4067.

We would like to emphasise that whilst the school will be operating a different timetable and provision, the school rules and code of conduct must still be adhered to. All normal sanctions thus apply and we still expect the normal high levels of conduct and behaviour from those students that are in.

Students will be issued a timetable upon arrival on Monday morning during the registration at 8.45. If you have any queries please email in to info@warlinghamschool.co.uk

This is a challenging time for everyone in our communities and society, and we know that our children and young people will be incredibly anxious. We shall do everything we can to support them and you over the coming months until we are able to return to regular education. Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely



Mr Kinder



Mr Day

Joint Heads of School