



Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Re: Coronavirus update – school closure to most pupils

Following on from my last update, I'm now writing to let you know that:

- tomorrow, Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March **we will be open to all students**
- from Monday onwards, we will be closed to almost all students until further notice.

As advised by the Government, we will do all we can to stay open for the sons and daughters of key workers (e.g. NHS staff, police, others in frontline services) and students with certain needs. We are awaiting advice on this from the Government and expect to be able to update you later today.

All other students will need to stay at home, so we ask that you do not send students into school from Monday onwards. Also if your son or daughter feels ill and you want to know what to do next, please use NHS 111 online. Please note that this is a national closure – as you may have heard in the news – so while it is a challenging situation, we are not alone. We will re-open fully as soon as we can and will let you know accordingly.

#### What we'll continue doing:

- We will set work on Show My Homework from Monday. Guidance about this can be found on the school website <https://bridgewaterhigh.org/coronavirus/> and <https://bridgewaterhigh.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/School-Closure-Student-Work-1.pdf>
- If you have any concerns about your son or daughter's welfare in the short term please contact: [welfare@bridgewaterhigh.com](mailto:welfare@bridgewaterhigh.com)

If you have any difficulties accessing Show My Homework (SMHW) please click on SMHW at the top of our school website or under quick links at the bottom. If your son/daughter has any issues logging into SMHW contact Mr Eden at [t.eden@bridgewaterhigh.com](mailto:t.eden@bridgewaterhigh.com). If your son or daughter usually receives free school meals we will also be in touch with more information about how we will continue to provide this, with support from a scheme that the government has just announced.

These are uncharted waters for us all, especially for Year 11 students and their parents and carers. The only certainty I can give you is that we will do everything we can to make the best of this situation. As we are saying to students today "Our job is to help you learn and keep you safe and that won't change". Thank you in advance for your on-going support.

Yours sincerely,

Tim Long, Principal

