

THE LEIGH ACADEMY



19th March 2020

JCO/JHR/C19update

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Covid19 Update – Thursday 19th March 2020

I am sharing with you an update to the message posted on our website yesterday evening.

The Leigh Academy is open as usual for all year groups today, Thursday 19th and Friday 20th March. The Sports Relief events on Friday have been cancelled, so full academy uniform on both days please.

Following the announcement yesterday afternoon by Gavin Williamson, Secretary of State for Education, we regret to inform you that it will be necessary to close the academy with effect from the end of the day this Friday, until further notice. However, provision will be made for children of key workers, vulnerable students and students with EHCPs.

We are working today to put further plans in place. Over the next two days I will be sending further information as we receive it from the DfE and details for online learning. Leigh staff have already given a great deal of time and thought preparing to set work through google classrooms and to support students' progress remotely. I will write to you tomorrow with the details of how this will work in practice.

I understand that many of you will have questions about the weeks ahead, particularly parents with children in Year 11 and Year 13 who were due to take examinations this summer. Please be assured that we will be doing all that we can to keep you informed of all developments and ways that we will continue to support your child.

Thank you for your continued support and I wish you and your families well during this challenging time.

Yours faithfully

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