



20th March 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

I never envisaged communicating to parents about an extended school closure and cancellation of the summer exams. However, we are reluctantly closing the school to the majority of our students while the nation steps up to respond to this global emergency.



I am very proud to be a servant of the Cowley community and equally proud of the way the students and staff are responding to this unprecedented situation we find ourselves in. I thank parents for the positive and supportive comments we have received in person or by email and social media.

From Monday, 23rd March, I can confirm that Cowley will remain open only to those students who have been identified by the government to attend school, i.e. children of key workers and those children identified as vulnerable. Parents have been contacted, but if we have not acknowledged that you are a 'key worker' please contact us. However, it is not compulsory for students in these groups to attend as it remains parental choice. Government advice states 'if they absolutely need to go to school then they go but if they can be kept safe at home keep them at home'.



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Students attending next week are required to attend college from 8:30 - 3:05 each day in full uniform. Staff will be in college to care for them and ensure their learning continues. School buses will be running as normal.



Eco-Schools Silver Award

Unfortunately, the majority of students must stay at home to stop the spread of the virus. During this time, it is essential that your child remains at home and has a good structure and routine for the day. More details and Q&As can be found in the sheet enclosed and on our website.



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Communication is going to be key over the next few weeks and I can confirm that the college will respond to any enquiries to help you manage your child's time, learning and wellbeing.

If your circumstances change and you become a 'key worker', or you feel your child should be identified to attend during this school closure period, please contact us for advice.



Healthy Schools



I am working with the LA and DfE to ensure those children who are eligible to receive free school meals are supported; this includes those families where circumstances change and they are struggling with finances. To the best of our ability, we are committed to ensure that no Cowley students and their families are disadvantaged due to this situation

We are receiving daily updates from the DfE and Public Health England and the college will continue to provide regular updates to you through email and the website in the first instance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C Sheeran', written in a cursive style.

Mr C Sheeran
Principal