



# School Closure Parent Bulletin

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## Message from the Principal



Dear Parents and Carers,

Honestly I have never been prouder than I am now of everybody at the Academy and in our community. The team is flat out, setting up Key Worker Academy (KWA) for Monday. This will be a small academy for those that really need us throughout the crisis. Details on this will follow in a separate email.

Despite the inconvenience this must be causing you, we have had an overwhelming number of messages of support and thanks from parents. It's a wonderful thing.

Now is a time to be practical and that's what this Bulletin will attempt to achieve, bringing together key messages from the team and signposting support for our students and you over the coming weeks.

Our Academy, for the most part, is about to go online. We will keep producing our Bulletin and do everything we can to stay in touch with all of our students. A special mention to Mr Monahan here who has been incredible in getting us prepared for remote learning.

From all of us here, a heartfelt thanks to all the Key Workers out there, especially everybody at the NHS. We are really grateful to you and with the small exception of those at KWA, commit to staying at home so we get through this quickly and protect the vulnerable in our community.

Best wishes

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## Remote Learning For All Year Groups

In order to keep teaching and learning going during this challenging time we have created [a comprehensive set of web pages](#) including expectations and resources for remote learning. We have also created [an instructional video](#) for students on how to use Google Classroom. We are working towards full online timetable delivery from Monday for all year groups.

[Click here for all Remote Learning information and links.](#) You will find information about the apps students should be accessing, and how to get to their timetables.

We have set up a dedicated email helpdesk for students and parents who are having issues logging into and accessing any of the resources. Our teams will do their best to respond to you as quickly as possible. [ITHelpdesk@srwa.woodard.co.uk](mailto:ITHelpdesk@srwa.woodard.co.uk)

## Year 10 Exam Support for English and Maths

[This website](#) has kindly offered free subscriptions during this time to all of our year 10 students. On this site students can find exam papers for Maths and English with model answers and video tutorials from examiners themselves. Please follow [this link to sign up](#). The free subscription will last six months. A user guide to help you get started can be found [here](#).

## Plans For Those Without Internet Access

We understand that there are a small number of families without home internet access. During the closure period we want to do our best to ensure that those students still have access to learning. We are therefore collating key resource packages for students in each year group. If you do not have home internet access and your child needs these resources, please collect them from our main reception. You will be asked to sign out your package so that the resources can be returned later.

Please respect that these resources must be strictly limited to those students without access to our online resources and that everyone else must be accessing the online provision. Thank you.

## Key Workers Needing A School Place During Closure

If you are a key worker in one of the named categories (awaiting announcement to confirm what these are but we expect them to include: health workers, police officers, supermarket workers and delivery drivers, those caring for vulnerable and elderly people, teachers, childcare workers) with no alternative childcare options and are in need of a place at our small Key Worker Academy, please complete [this online form](#).

## Year 11

- There will be no exams. We're so sorry this has happened. We know it isn't fair, but we can prove and justify your grades from the end of year 10 to the ones teachers are entering for you right now. In the vast majority of cases we have used past papers and nationally recognised tests to arrive at a very strong set of accurate, predicted grades. Grades eventually awarded won't be random and all your hard work won't go to waste. Grades aside, learning is never a waste of time.
- Remember to [still be online and studying](#), because those teachers waiting for you online over the coming weeks are going to be responsible for your grades.
- Whatever happens, well done. You are a brilliant set of students.
- Prom - postponed but not cancelled. It WILL happen (probably in the autumn when it will

hopefully be safe to do so).

## Year 13

- Please don't worry. If you have come this far, you are ready to take your next steps and you will already have gotten most of what we have to offer.
- We need to be really practical and pragmatic now so we get you to where you want to be.
- You also still need to be online and present for your lessons. What you have learned and what you will learn in the coming weeks will be important for your futures; exams or not.
- The DfE will outline in detail how grades and A-levels will be awarded over the coming days. Please don't make any assumptions about what that might look like.
- There has yet to be a full response from the universities, but current indications suggest that it will be another fair and balanced response. Remember, everyone is in the same boat and we wrote you amazing UCAS references!

## SEND and Pastoral Support During Closure

At The Sir Robert Woodard Academy we take our duty of care for all our students very seriously. During this period of school closure, we are committed to ensuring students have continued pastoral contact with members of staff, and wherever possible would want this to be with staff that they are used to working with. This is particularly the case for students with SEND, those with Social, Emotional or Mental Health concerns, our Looked After students, Young Carers and those facing other challenging personal circumstances.

In line with government guidelines, if you are a key worker, or your child has an EHCP, or an allocated social worker and they need to be attending school during the current pandemic, we are making arrangements for that to happen and will be here to support your family if you need us. If you need this service, please sign up by Friday 20th March via the [survey](#) that has been sent out.

Additionally, in order to offer support and guidance to those students who are working offsite, our SEND department, Chapter teams, Chaplain, Your Space counsellors and Youth Electric Storm workers have been allocated students to check in with during the period of any academy closure. Students will be contacted primarily via their school email address or via home phone numbers as appropriate.

If you or your child wishes to contact a member of support staff, we would ask in the first instance that they or you email that person directly and if unsure who to contact, please email the tutor, Pastoral Support Officer, Chapter Leader and Chapter Head to ensure that someone is able to pick up your enquiry.

Our Designated Safeguarding Lead and deputies can also be contacted on [dsl@srwa.co.uk](mailto:dsl@srwa.co.uk).

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## Keeping contact details up to date

To ensure effective communications to parents and carers, please check that we have up to date contact details for you. You can logon to the [Arbor parent portal](#) to update your contact information, particularly email addresses.

We have a page dedicated to getting support using Arbor on our [website](#) under the quick links. It outlines how to update your details and how to access other useful information. If you are having difficulties getting on to Arbor or updating your details, you can email [enquiries@srwa.woodard.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@srwa.woodard.co.uk) and this can be forwarded to our support team to rectify it for you.