



# Westbury Academy

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Dear Parent/Carer

As you will be aware the Prime Minister announced the closure of all schools on Friday 20th March. This is for all pupils except those pupils identified as being vulnerable and children of key workers.

Following further conversation with the LA, other special schools and Government advice it has been made clear that special schools should assess the needs of each pupil on a case by case basis. This judgement is based upon the Government's concern about children being safe when not in school. Where there is no existing concern that a young person will be safe at home then following government advice that young person should remain at home until further notice.

In addition, we are already struggling to run the school with the amount of staff absent. The closure of all other schools has added to the list of our staff not able to work.

**Consequently, if you are not contacted directly by the school then you should assume that your child should not attend school after Monday 23rd March until further notice.**

The school will make provision for children of critical key workers between 10am and 2pm. Key workers as announced by the government should contact the school as soon as possible so we can establish what support we are safely able to offer with such reduced levels of staffing. **If you do not respond, we will assume that your child does not require a place in school.**

For pupils at home, please visit the school website where we have added a page containing learning resources.

Tutors will contact you on a weekly basis to check on the welfare and progress of your child with their work.

If your child is eligible for free school meals, a voucher will be available to collect from the main office from Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the school and again we look forward to your support in these difficult times.

Yours sincerely

M Wells  
Principal