



# Midhurst Rother College

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Dear Parent / Carer

## Critical worker and vulnerable children update

The College will close at the end of the day today to all students for the foreseeable future. I saw all students in assembly yesterday to reassure them that they are still members of our College community, that we care about them and will make sure we stay in contact with them. I told them that the current pandemic is a temporary change to our lives, but that the College is still here for them and that they must also contact us if they have concerns or we can help them in any way. Please encourage your child to do this. I will stay in touch with them and will write to them directly.

The College will be open with reduced staffing from Monday for children whose parents are critical workers as defined by the list sent out by the government this morning. This applies to families if one or both parents are in this category. If you feel your child comes into this group, and you need to take advantage of this, please follow the link on our website to let us know. We will then contact you if we have any queries in relation to this. Your child's pastoral leader will contact you directly if your child is in the vulnerable category.

Students who are in College during the closure will follow and complete the same work that is being set by their class teachers for their peers. They will not be taught in lessons by their normal class teachers but will be supervised completing the work that is set. Students who are in College must wear their full College uniform. We recognise that physical activity is important to students' mental and physical wellbeing and students should bring their PE kit with them each day, as we will offer some form of physical exercise for them to do. Transport to College remains the same as it currently is, with the Local Authority continuing to provide transport for students who are in College.

You will also shortly receive through the post a flyer that provides an overview for students as a reminder of how to access Connect and Office 365. This is meant as an aide memoire for students and parents. We will also periodically post work home for students to complete, as not all work is internet or computer based.

I would like to thank parents / carers for your support during this rapidly changing and challenging time for us all. I look forward to hearing more information today about how GCSE and A-Levels will be assessed and will contact parents of those students with an update as soon as I am able to do so.

Please do stay in touch with us if you have any queries or concerns at all. I would like to ask all parents / carers to regularly check our website for updates and links and as well as reviewing your emails for communication from the College.

Yours sincerely

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