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Dear Parents / Carers

We have been tremendously impressed with how our students have conducted themselves and supported each other and the staff during these extremely challenging times. We have over 20 staff self-isolating or social distancing and have made the following decisions:

- **We have told Y11 and Y13 that today is their last day and they are not required to attend tomorrow.**
- **We are asking Y12 to come in to school tomorrow so that Mr Hawksworth and Sixth form teachers can demonstrate how teachers will work with them on-line.**
- **For students in Year 7 – 10, we would ask you to keep them at home from tomorrow if you possibly can. This will enable us to start setting on-line work for all students using E-praise and to plan our provision to support vulnerable children and children of 'key workers'.**

As yet, the government have not confirmed detailed information about how students will be awarded their examination grades (including GCSEs, and A-levels). As soon as we have this information we will communicate this to you. I have said to all Y11 and Y13 students that it is essential for them to continue their studies at home so that they are prepared for all eventualities and continue to develop their knowledge and skills for the next stage of their education. Teachers will set work via E-praise. I have stressed to these students today that we will put 100% effort into making sure that every single one of them can progress on to their next stage of education or employment. Please do email us at admin@jmhs.hereford.sch.uk if you need support or advice with this.

As advised by the government we will do what we can to stay open for vulnerable children and the children of 'key workers'. As I write I do not know who 'key workers' are, but we understand that the Government will be issuing further advice on what this means. It would help in the meantime if you could let us know if you think your child may fall into one of these categories. We will be in touch again as soon as we know who this does apply to.

If you need to send your child into school tomorrow onwards please let us have the following information as soon as possible:

Name of Child and Reg group

Tell us how your child gets to school (eg which bus they use)

Tell us if your child will need to come into school during the Easter holidays.

Please email this information to admin@jmhs.hereford.sch.uk

We will then contact you via Parentpay to discuss our plans

Please note that this is a national closure, so while it is a challenging situation we are not alone. We will re-open fully as soon as we can. We will be writing home to you in the near future detailing what provision we have in place for home learning. This is as much as we know right now and we appreciate your continued patience with us as we deal with this ever changing situation. We understand that this latest news will have an impact on you and your family and it's far from ideal, but we'll continue to keep in touch with any updates as the situation develops.

Remember if you or your child feels ill and you want to know what to do, please use NHS 111 online.

Thank you again for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Andrew Evans

Headteacher