



“Believing is Achieving”

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Unfortunately the government has made the very difficult decision to close all schools with effect from the end of Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2020. All Schools will close except for looking after the children of keyworkers and vulnerable children. **If you have not heard from us you must keep your child at home until further notice.** We will be in regular contact with you and please feel free to contact us on the normal school number 01902 632719 or 07877 864 587

I understand that parents and pupils will be very concerned, particularly Year 11 pupils who are set to take exams this summer but will now sit their exams in September 2020.

As you know from my previous letters, we have made alternative plans for learning and will provide work for pupils in all subjects via hard back and the internet. I will be posting regular updates regarding the school re-opening and exams on the school website ([www.shepwell](http://www.shepwell) and Twitter (@shepwellsschool)). Subject staff can be contacted on the email address on the website. Safeguarding concerns should also be sent to the email address provided.

As with all schools, we await further instructions from the Department of Education regarding the scheduling of GCSE exams and will keep you informed of any changes.

We will ensure that all pupils have all their work and belongings to take home on Friday.

I apologise sincerely for the difficulty this may cause your family during these unprecedented times and assure you that we will do everything possible to support pupils during the partial closure of the school. Please continue to follow the government guidelines to keep you and your families' safe, particularly the most vulnerable members of our community.

Any family in receipt of free school meals will receive a separate letter regarding support during the closure.

Kind regards

*Stephen Pritchard-Jones*

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Headteacher