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Dear Parent/ Carer

Thank you for your support through what has been a challenging week. Our students have been exceptional.

We are still waiting for the details regarding the approach to the absence of exams in May and June, but this will be shared with you as soon as we are aware.

For many students, today marks the last day in school for an extended period of time. While work will be set as per timetables and students will still receive the quality education that you would expect from WKGS, we are also looking at ways that we can continue to maintain our community spirit even though our students are now working from home. This period is temporary, and we want our students to be ready to return to school when we reopen, having made progress and still feeling connected to WKGS.

For Y11 and Y13 students, we very much hope that we will find an opportunity to celebrate their hard work and commitment at some point in the future.

The Government has asked parents/carers to keep their children at home wherever possible, and asked schools to remain open only for those children who absolutely need to attend. This should be a very limited number of children. A small number of students, whose parents/carers have already communicated with the school, will attend next week. They will complete exactly the same work as their peers, but in school.

After Monday, we will operate with minimal staffing to reduce the risk to everyone. It is therefore not possible to add more students to this group at the current time due to staffing constraints. For those who will be attending:

- **School uniform must be worn**
- Students will be working independently for most of their time in school, with teachers supervising them completing the work set on Google Classroom
- Students should come to the Main School Hall to register at 8.40am; school will end at 3.40pm and will close at 4pm. If students need to remain in school until 5.30pm as they would normally do, please contact Sara Owen by Monday on office@wkgs.net so that we are aware of this.
- Food will be available to purchase from the canteen as usual, although there will be a much smaller selection compared to usual (for e.g. the deli bar will not be available)
- On Monday, Merseytravel and Carver's buses will run as usual. Bus companies will reassess their timetables once they know the numbers of students travelling

I very much hope that schools will reopen before the end of the academic year, but at this point, we do not know. For the vast majority of students who are working at home, they will be doing as they always do, working hard and making us very proud.

If you do have any queries during the period of closure, please email office@wkgs in the usual way.

With kind regards,

Mrs E Sargent
Headteacher