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Coronavirus Contingency Planning

You will be aware from national reports that there is a possibility of school closures in coming weeks. At WKGS we have been planning to ensure that in the event of any school closure, whether short or more prolonged, we will continue to deliver a quality education.

In creating these plans, we have had to ensure that the workload is manageable for our staff and straightforward for our students.

All students

All students will receive work either before or in line with their normal timetable. It may be received in batches and students must then organise their time appropriately.

Work will primarily be set using Google Classroom, which is an online learning platform. This week, students have been introduced to Google Classroom and how it functions in a variety of lessons. Further guidance and information regarding class codes and completing work will be issued later this week. Students can also use this platform to ask subject specific questions to the teacher and others in the class. Some work may be set via students' emails and so in the event of a school closure, students should also regularly check their school email.

We are aware that access to computers and printing can be an issue but ask that all parents try to make what provision they can so that students can access the work throughout a period of closure. Many of the resources that would be used can be accessed using a variety of other means such as phones, tablets etc. This week however, we have surveyed all students and are making provision to support those who have been identified as unable to access virtual learning from home, should the school close.

If students have queries about the work set, they should ask the question via Google Classroom if possible. Teachers will aim to respond within 48 hours on normal school days.

We fully appreciate that school closures bring significant challenges to all involved. Support from parents is, as always, greatly appreciated. Students should be encouraged to put in place suitable routines each day to ensure that they continue to make good progress.

GCSE and A-level exams.

At the time of writing, there are no indications that there are plans at a national level to alter the way in which the summer series of examinations are conducted. Students sitting external examinations should continue to prepare, as they would normally be doing.

Teachers will prioritise their work with these students. Teachers will do their very best to continue to support students using the work set and communication via Google Classroom or school emails.

We will keep parents up to date on any changes to the examination arrangements using our SchoolComms system and the school website.

Safeguarding information

In the event of a school closure, there are aspects of safeguarding advice and support that you may need to access.

If you have an **urgent safeguarding concern** during school closure, please call the Integrated Front Door on the following numbers:

Monday - Friday 9am - 5pm 0151 606 2008

At other times 0151 677 6557

General information is available on the Wirral Children's Safeguarding Partnership website and here you will also find links to other local support groups. <https://www.wirralsafeguarding.co.uk/>

If you need to contact our school safeguarding team, then please use the contact page of the school website, selecting safeguarding concern, or send an email direct to dsl@wkgs.net

As yet, no plans for school closure have been communicated to schools, but should the need arise you can be assured that we will do all we can to support our young people to continue their education.

Thank you for your support.

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Headteacher