



CAMDEN SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Coronavirus (COVID-19) update

Following the announcement by the Prime Minister at 5pm yesterday, Camden School for Girls will be closed to all students except for children of key workers and vulnerable children from lunchtime on Friday 20th March. It is not compulsory for these students to come in to school; however, parents should inform the school if they are entitled to do so but will not be attending. School opening hours will be 9.00am – 3.00pm. The school will be closed to all other students until further notice.

Which students will be the school open for?

We are committed to doing everything that we can to support society in meeting the serious challenge that we are all facing. So that we can do this, **we ask that you let us know whether you are a key worker with a child in this school.**

Whilst waiting for clarity from the DfE, children of key workers may still come to school for as long as possible. However, please note that teachers will not be providing lessons but will be supervising online learning. Key workers include:

- School workers
- Medical, nursing and paramedic / ambulance staff, healthcare assistants and administrators (in GP practices / health clinics)
- Workers in adult social care, social workers, childminders (certificate of registration needed), nursery staff (including those in private / independent and community nurseries)
- Fire and police
- Delivery drivers

The local authority advice is that colleagues in these professions, as key workers, should show work identification to confirm their eligibility. They should indicate this to us as soon as possible - and certainly by 10am on Friday 20 March by email to csg@csg.school - if they require provision. We will not be able to provide supervision without this identification.

Children who currently have an education, health and care plan (EHC plan) or are supported through exceptional needs grant (ENG), or are defined as vulnerable, awaiting statutory assessment and currently receiving support by social care may also attend if their parents



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wish them to do so. We will contact these parents / carers separately with further information as soon as possible.

Exams for Year 11 and Year 13 students

With summer exams now cancelled nationally, this is a very anxious time for our Year 11 and Year 13 students. It is imperative that they continue to work as the method for assessment and assigning grades has yet to be determined. The work that they are doing at home is therefore likely to be crucial in the grades that they are awarded in each subject.

Work for students during the closure

I will be in touch to explain how students will work from home during the closure. Be assured that we have a plan in place to ensure that students can access the curriculum and receive regular feedback from their teachers. However, please bear in mind the following:-

1. Teachers are still required by the government to be in school on certain days to supervise the children of key workers and vulnerable students.
2. Some teachers are also parents with childcare responsibilities.
3. Teachers or members of their households may become ill.

Provision of food

Free School Meals provision will be made available during the closure, probably in terms of vouchers. More details of how this will work in practice will be provided as soon as possible.

There will be no food available in school and students who are attending should bring a packed lunch.

Please check the school's website for the latest information.

This is a time when we must all pull together and be strong for our families and community. My very best wishes for you and your family during this difficult period. We will be in touch regularly with updates.

Yours sincerely

Elizabeth Kitcatt
Headteacher