Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing following the announcement yesterday afternoon that all schools in England are to close. As you will be aware, the Prime Minister and Secretary of State for Education have determined that all schools will close at the end of the school day on Friday 20 March as part of the Government's strategy to limit the spread of COVID-19 (coronavirus). Schools will then remain closed until further notice.

Neale-Wade Academy will re-open on Monday 23 March but only to students of key workers, those who have an EHCP and those involved with social care. We will write to you on Friday to clarify which students fall into these categories.

We have already communicated to you how we intend to deliver on-line learning to all students and we have sent paper copies of work to those of you who do not have internet access.

Public Examinations

The Prime Minister also announced this afternoon that this summer's public examinations will not go ahead. He has given an assurance that pupils will be awarded the qualifications they deserve, although he did not go into more detail. We will, of course, pass on to you further details of what the Government decides as soon as we receive them. I am deeply sorry for the inevitable anxiety that this uncertainty will occasion. What is vital for those in Year 11 and Year 13 to understand is that they need to remain focused and build on the work that they have already undertaken as when and how they are to be examined and assessed is yet to be determined.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding. I know this is an anxious time for many families and everyone in the local community and I hope that we can return to a much more positive position in the near future.

Yours faithfully

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