

19/03/20



Dear Parents/carers,

I am writing following the announcement by the Government yesterday that the following has been announced:

The school will be closed to the vast majority of pupils from the end of the day Friday for the foreseeable future.

Provision will be made for vulnerable pupils & where both parents are Key Workers, this includes:

NHS

Teachers

Police

Armed Forces

Fire Service

Care Home Workers

Social Workers

Prison Officers and Probation Staff

Environmental Health Officers

Highway Agency Traffic Officers

I need to emphasise that this is based on the fact that we are able to offer this service with so many staff now beginning to self isolate. I would ask that you contact the school by the end of the school day 14:45 on Friday via email to the following address: executive.headteacher@ela.kent.sch.uk if you feel you are one of these key workers who will require the school to support you. Until I have this information it will be impossible to plan accordingly for all eventualities.

I would also like to emphasise that we will do all we can to meet this requirement but the situation is changing on an hourly basis and I also have to consider whether I can ensure the Health and Safety on the site with our staffing.

All exams for May and June have been cancelled.

I apologise for not giving more clarity at this time BUT the current announcement will require much planning and thought and I hope to write to you all as soon as we have more information.

Kind regards,

M Clay (Executive Headteacher)