



## Confirmation of school closure letter

19<sup>th</sup> March, 2020

Dear parents

You will be aware that the Prime Minister and Education Secretary announced yesterday that tomorrow will be the last full 'normal' day of school. Schools will close indefinitely from Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2020 for **MOST** children. Schools are to remain open for children whose parents are identified as 'key workers'. The government will make an announcement later today to identify precisely which groups of workers this will be. However, we do know that the following groups have been identified:

- NHS workers
- Police
- Teachers
- Critical national infrastructure roles such as delivery drivers

While we wait to hear the exact identification of roles, we would like to take a proactive approach and begin to identify those pupils whose parents are classed as 'key workers' and are likely to need to continue attending school. If you believe you fall into one of these groups please contact [office@denbigh.gov.uk](mailto:office@denbigh.gov.uk) by Friday lunchtime, so we can be prepared for next week.

Mrs Young is working with our vulnerable families and social workers to identify those children who would need to continue accessing school.

With the deepest regret, only those children that fall into the categories identified by the government will be able to attend school. We ask for your understanding and consideration of this.

We will continue to update parents via email and will ensure our website remains a helpful tool to support online learning. Please access [www.denbighps.org.uk](http://www.denbighps.org.uk) HOME LEARNING tab.

We are working with the local authority to support children eligible for free school meals, and we will inform you how this will be organised by Friday.

We await further government guidance on the proposal to suspend public examinations for this academic year.

This is understandably going to cause many anxieties for families, and we hope that we will be able to continue to support you wherever possible. We will continue to keep you informed with any new information as we receive it, in what are incredibly difficult and uncertain times.

I would like to thank our families for their support during this very challenging time. Thank you.

We must salute the efforts of our keyworkers in the NHS and Emergency Services.

School staff have been amazing, they have shown inspiring dedication and professionalism in an increasingly difficult situation. They have been reliable and hardworking members of the Denbigh team.

Please stay healthy, support each other and look out for the vulnerable people in your community, particularly the elderly. We must all stick together at this time.

Wishing you all the very best.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Louise Guthrie". The script is cursive and fluid.

Louise Guthrie, Headteacher and the Denbigh Team