

19th March 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian

RE: SCARBOROUGH UTC CLOSURE DUE TO CORONAVIRUS

The outbreak of coronavirus (COVID-19) has now been classified as a pandemic and the number of confirmed cases in the UK has risen in recent weeks. We take the health and safety of our college community very seriously, so we have made the decision to close the college from Monday 23rd March 2020. In line with Department of Education guidance, we will offer support in college for those children of key workers who will still need to send their child to Scarborough UTC each day. If you fall into this category (further guidance to be issued by DfE) please contact college on 01723 821 621, as soon as possible in order that we can make appropriate arrangements.

We will keep you informed of any developments via email and text message, including our re-opening date. Please make sure you have provided your current contact details to the college office to ensure you receive our correspondence. If you need to provide new contact details, they can be sent via email to enquiries@scarboroughutc.co.uk or given over the phone using 01723 821 621.

We have arranged for those families that are entitled to free school meals to receive payment to compensate for the loss of those meals. Those families have received separate communication on this.

Educational arrangements

We have prepared a home learning schedule and resources for all students to access (through Google Classroom) and complete from home over the period of closure. The schedule can be found on the college website. This schedule should be followed wherever possible. As work is completed teachers will provide feedback to students on a daily basis. We will track and monitor your child's access to this learning and get in touch, in the interests of safeguarding and progress in learning, where work is not being completed.

If you need to contact the college or your child's class teacher for any reason, you can do so using main reception contact details, 01723 821 621 and leaving a message. We will check daily for

messages and respond as soon as possible.

It is of great concern to us all that there is a lack of clarity regarding GCSE and A level examinations and grades however what we do know I have quoted from DfE statements below:

“We can confirm that we will not go ahead with assessments or exams, and that we will not be publishing performance tables for this academic year.

We will work with the sector and Ofqual to ensure children get the qualifications they need.

My Department is working closely with local authorities, representatives of early years, schools and head teachers, regional school commissioners and bodies such as Ofsted and Ofqual about how to deliver this change as effectively as possible.

And we will do whatever is necessary to support local authorities, settings, schools and teachers through the weeks and months ahead. “

The college building will remain open and key staff will be available by email and/or telephone to provide you with any ongoing support you may require.

Our thoughts are with the whole Scarborough UTC community at this difficult time.

Yours sincerely,



Mr. Kilgour
Principal