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THE THOMAS ADAMS SCHOOL, WEM

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ADAMS COLLEGE SIXTH FORM CENTRE

ADAMS HOUSE (BOARDING)

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Dear Parent/Carer

As you know, school is closed from Monday to all but vulnerable students and those "who absolutely need to attend" because they are the child of a keyworker

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

The government are clear in their guidance that "if children can stay safely at home, they should, to limit the chance of the virus spreading". Thomas Adams School will have provision from Monday for a limited number of children within the staffing available. This provision is for Thomas Adams students only and will be during our usual school hours. School buses will operate as normal to pick up and drop off students who are coming into school. At this stage, we have no before or after school provision. Catering facilities will be limited, so it is advised that students bring food in with them. Full school uniform should be worn. Registers will be taken for students who attend and contact will be made for those who we believe will be here and do not arrive. We want to support parents in the best way that we can at this time of crisis and we will speak to parents individually next week. It is possible that, if staffing levels cannot be sustained, we reduce the provision and allocate places on a priority basis. This is likely to be:

- students with an EHCP and or a social worker or other vulnerabilities already known to us.
- students where both parents are critical workers
- students where one parent is a critical worker
- students living nearest to the school

These are difficult and uncertain times and we must all work together. The closure of schools is aimed at reducing the spread of the Covid-19 virus. If you believe that your son/daughter falls into the government defined categories (available on the link above) and will be in school on Monday, because they cannot self-supervise, please can you inform us today via the email link enquiries@thomasadams.net Please do not send students on Monday without having confirmed their attendance.

If during the school day your son/daughter shows any signs/symptoms of Covid-19, we will contact you and request that you collect them.

Our educational provision via Microsoft Teams is in place and students can contact their class teachers via this service. The health of all of our students and staff must be our priority, hence our provision allowing as much self-isolation, household isolation and social distancing as possible, while trying to maintain some normality in their education. Any misuse of these services will result in immediate parental contact and ultimately removal of access to the service.

The start of next week is likely to be challenging for us to put together some form of provision and therefore I ask for your patience and understanding. This is an incredibly difficult time and all my staff are working hard to provide the best support we can.

Yours sincerely

Mr M Cooper
Headteacher



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