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Dear parent/carer,

In light of the announcement from the Government yesterday, our school will be closed to students until at least February half term.

We will keep you updated of any changes to this.

Staff at Rushey Mead continue to think about our students. We know these are difficult times for families and we wish to support you as much as possible with your children's learning. It is understandable if you and your child feel anxious and frustrated at the moment. Rest assured, we are here for you every step of the way as we figure this all out together.

Remember, if you have any concerns about helping your child learn or you need any other support from the school, please let us know by emailing the teacher of the subject directly or contacting us through info@rushey-tmet.uk. If your child has any issues at all, they should contact their class teacher via Satchel:One, or send an email to their teacher or tutor.

Work can be accessed via MS TEAMS and homework through Satchel:One (previously called ShowMyHomework). **Your child must continue to work** during their usual school hours, following their timetable and wake up on time and go to bed on time. Your child must look and respond to their emails daily.

We will be monitoring very closely the level of engagement shown by your child through our Satchel:One/MS Teams platform and all the other learning online platforms to which our students have access. Overall, we have been hugely impressed by the level of online learning by the majority of our students previously. If your child is finding it difficult to do their work, please contact their teachers via email and discuss any learning barriers and how we may be able to further support, however, not doing the online work is not an option.

We will be keeping a record of those who are not doing their work and consequences will be applied when students return to school. There may be good reasons for a student not completing their online learning, for example, they may be ill. If this is the case please can you notify the teacher, so that we have a record and can offer help and support the best way possible. Please be aware that if students are not completing the set work, this will have an impact on termly tracking, predictions, attitude to learning grades and school reports.

The online learning is taking our teachers a tremendous amount of time and effort. They are doing this because they care about your child and their education and do not want to see them fall behind.

They will be coming back to school in the future and their peers at Rushey Mead and in the country will be ahead of your child if he/she does not engage with the classwork and homework, so your support is very much appreciated.

Full time provision

Full time provision is available if your child has a special educational need, has a social worker or is vulnerable, or if you are a critical worker. We have already contacted parents/carers who have notified us already that they will be sending their child in to use this provision.

Students can also access the full-time provision if they have no or limited access to IT equipment at home, so please get in touch and let us know if you want your child to attend our onsite school.

Here is a list of those considered to be critical workers:

[Critical workers and vulnerable children who can access schools or educational settings - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/critical-workers-and-vulnerable-children-who-can-access-schools-or-educational-settings)

If you fall in any of the above categories and require a place for your child please email us at info@rushey-tmet.uk

Laptops

If your child does not have access to a laptop, PC or tablet, we may be able to lend them one. Please email us on info@rushey-tmet.uk

School meals

Student eligible for Free School Meals will receive vouchers from Edenred, in the same format as over the Christmas holidays.

We will continue to update our website and social media sites as and when updates are available. As a reminder, our Facebook handle is @RusheyMeadTMET and our Twitter handle is @RusheyMeadAcad. The Trust's Facebook is @TheMeadEducationalTrust and Twitter is @TMETrust.

Once again, thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully



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