



# George Mitchell School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

## School Closure

I am writing to you to inform you that George Mitchell School will be closed from Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2020 to all students except children of key workers and vulnerable children. This is a national closure and part of the government's strategy to slow down the spread of the new variant of coronavirus. The school will be closed until further notice and we will write to you when the school is likely to re-open. At this stage this is not likely to be till after February half-term.

Sam Hill will be emailing parents directly about the primary provision. If you are a parent of a secondary child who falls into one of the categories above and would like your child to attend our in-school provision please notify the school office or email me directly at [saeed.hussain@georgemitchellschool.co.uk](mailto:saeed.hussain@georgemitchellschool.co.uk) so that we can plan provision for next week.

Whilst the school is closed, we will continue to stay in contact with families and children and work will be set through email and virtual platforms.

In the Primary, children will have daily maths and reading lessons posted on Class Dojo (Tapestry for EYFS) and weekly tasks for other subjects. They should also complete daily reading and maths practice through Bug Club and Mathletics. Teachers will be monitoring work frequently and will be in regular contact with students. Please message your teacher if you need any support or additional guidance.

For secondary students, work will be set via Google Classroom which most families are now familiar with. If you cannot access your account, please email Mr Tooray, our ICT technician, at [Balrajyot@georgemitchellschool.co.uk](mailto:Balrajyot@georgemitchellschool.co.uk).

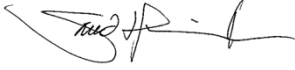
**We have the highest expectations of all our pupils and it is imperative that your child logs on every day and completes the work set.** We would recommend helping your child set up a **study schedule** for each day as children hugely benefit from strong routines in lockdown. A simple timetable for every day of study is more than sufficient however there are many free apps that can help you do this such as Evernote. Please build in regular breaks in longer study sessions to support your child in maintaining positive mental health habits.

Learning leaders, phase leaders and teachers will be sharing our expectations with students about completing the work that teachers set for them. Senior leaders will also be monitoring students' engagement with their online work and will be sending families regular reports about their children's engagement with learning. Please support your children and ensure that they complete all the work set. These are very confusing and challenging times so please also offer your children the emotional support they need to help them cope with this unprecedented change to school life.



I would like to reassure you that despite the restrictions of this new lockdown, all our staff are here to support you and to ensure that all students at George Mitchell School continue to learn and make progress. We are better prepared this time having already experienced one lockdown and seen how resilient and hardworking our student community can be in such challenging circumstances. I am confident that we will get through this together and come out stronger at the end.

Best wishes,



Saeed Hussain  
Executive Headteacher

