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Dear Parent/Carer

School Closure – Wednesday 18 March to Friday 3 April 2020

Firstly, please can I thank you for your patience and understanding as my colleagues in schools navigate this challenging situation.

We are constantly reviewing our practice in light of our priorities of keeping pupils/students and staff safe, but also providing as robust an education provision as possible.

Government guidance issued last night means that students or staff who are experiencing symptoms which may be linked to the coronavirus are to self-isolate for a 14-day period. Earlier today, we sent a text message to all parents to explain that we have been informed that some Hamilton School students have been in contact with relatives who are experiencing these symptoms. We have heard today that a small number of Hamilton students themselves, who have become symptomatic overnight, are self-isolating with their families.

We have therefore taken the decision to close Hamilton School from Wednesday 18 March until Friday 3 April, which is the beginning of the Easter Holiday.

We have prepared work packs for each student which will be delivered to students' homes today by staff. Students who are entitled to free school meals will also be given supermarket vouchers to the value of £37.50 to cover the cost of free school lunches until the end of term.

Form Tutors or support staff will be calling students daily to check in on their wellbeing and offer support with work. Students who complete work are welcome to ask for this to be collected and marked and fresh work will be provided. Students are also encouraged wherever possible to follow the links in the pack in order to access online learning portals. Students will all be offered pastoral support sessions with their allocated staff member and will be able to do this by phone.

If you have any questions or need further guidance during this period, please email s.mariani@hamilton-school.co.uk.

We understand how difficult this situation is for families, but the decision to close Hamilton School has been made for health and safety reasons and is in the best interest of our students. We will keep you updated with any further updates and we thank you for your support during this time.

Yours sincerely

Jane Straw
Headteacher