



Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

**Partial Opening from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2020**

These are indeed difficult and unprecedented times. As you will be aware, the school will be partially opened to specific groups of pupils as identified by the government.

I would like to provide further information for next week and we will update you as things change or develop.

In terms of students who are coming into school:

- the school will be open for the normal school day, 8:30am – 14:50pm;
- students should wear **normal school uniform** for safety and safeguarding reasons;
- students should also bring their full PE kit each day;
- students should arrive through the **main reception**, where a member of staff will greet them and register them;
- the school chef will talk with the students each morning and provide them with a range of options for break and lunch, which will be paid for in the normal way (if a student receives free school meals, this will continue as normal) – students may of course bring packed lunch if they prefer;
- support and teaching staff will be available to support students on the home learning activities they have been set, alongside other pre-planned activities and specialist teaching;
- a member of senior staff will be in school at all times.

The areas of the school where students will be based, will be 'deep cleaned' on a daily basis and, therefore, students will be restricted to specified areas of the site.

Should a parent/carer wish to contact the school for information or in an emergency situation, they should do so via the school office on 0191 388 7161 – this will be manned from 8am until 15:30pm. You will also be able to access the school email account throughout the day, including weekends and evenings:  
[enquiries@hermitageacademy.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@hermitageacademy.co.uk).

Finally, we understand that this is a difficult and worrying time, and we aim to keep parents/carers and students updated and informed regularly in relation to what is happening with school.

Please check our website: [www.hermitageacademy.co.uk](http://www.hermitageacademy.co.uk) and our Facebook/Twitter feeds for further updates.

We very much hope that you and your families will keep healthy and safe during this very difficult time.

Yours sincerely,

Mr D Stewart  
**Head of School**

Dr J Gorlach  
**Deputy Chief Executive Officer**