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Dear Parent/Carer

Site Closure to Pupils

As you know, the Government announced the closure of school sites to most pupils in England as of last Friday afternoon (20th March). The Government did ask schools to make some provision on site where possible for children of key workers and for vulnerable children.

Only a very small number of parents indicated that they needed their children to be educated on site, at least until the end of the Easter holiday. In fact, the number involved was so small as to make opening the site very difficult on a practical level, given the number of staff who would have to be present on site to open the school. I am grateful to the small number of parents involved for agreeing to not send their children into school and for making alternative arrangements.

I can now confirm that the school site will be closed to pupils from this evening until the end of the Easter holidays on Wednesday 22nd April in the first instance. Teaching staff will continue to work from home, setting work via the Show My Homework app and will be contactable via the app or e-mail as previously outlined until the end of the current term on Friday 3rd April. Assuming the school site remains closed, remote education will recommence on Wednesday 22nd April.

If you need to get in contact with me for whatever reason, please e-mail my secretary, Mrs Cooke (secretary@hulmehallschool.org)

Mrs Cooke can also be contacted on her own direct e-mail address for more general enquiries (d.cooke@hulmehallschool.org) as can her colleague in the school office, Mrs Taylor (a.taylor@hulmehallschool.org). They will either be able to assist you with your enquiry or pass your query on to the relevant person.

Staff will attempt to deal with queries in as timely manner as possible, however, I would ask you to bear in mind that several of our staff are employed on a part-time basis, so a response from those staff may take a little longer to arrive (part-time staff include Mrs Bevan (music), Ms Greenhalgh (English), Mrs Browne (French) and Mrs Basu (science)).

Year 11 – GCSE Examinations

Last Friday afternoon, the Government made a further announcement regarding the arrangements for the grading of GCSE candidates for this year. The information suggested that teachers will be asked to offer judgements based on a range of data which will then be combined with data from examination boards before a grade is calculated for each student.

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The Government and Ofqual have promised to provide more information before this process begins and I will update Year 11 pupils and parents when that information becomes available. For now, I would encourage our Year 11 pupils to continue to complete the work being set by their teachers, if only because the Government has promised candidates an opportunity to sit papers should they disagree with the grade eventually awarded to them.

I realise many Year 11 pupils and parents may be uncertain as to what this all means, but we will provide more information as and when we receive it.

Again, may I wish you and your families good health in the weeks and months ahead.

Your faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Grierson'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'D' and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Dean Grierson
Headmaster