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20<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

### School Closure Update

The government confirmed that all schools in England will be closed from the end of today. They have asked that all children be kept at home, wherever possible. However, as part of their announcement they asked schools to remain open for children of defined key workers.

- Health and social care
- Education and childcare
- Key public services
- Local and national government
- Food and other necessary goods
- Public safety and national security
- Transport
- Utilities, communication and financial services

Yesterday, we sent home a survey for parents and carers to complete so we could begin to effectively plan for next week. The completed responses need to be with us by **11am** this morning. However, if you work in a job that is identified in the above list, but wasn't highlighted on our original survey please e-mail the office [office@hovepark.org.uk](mailto:office@hovepark.org.uk) with the name(s) and year group of your child (children) to confirm you wish to access educational provision from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2020. **Students that are not on the confirmed list will be unable to attend.**

We have also made plans to ensure that all students that currently receive a **Free School Meal** will be able to collect a packed lunch from school on Monday. The lunches will be available to collect between 11am – 12pm, from our Nevill campus hall. We are hoping to confirm arrangements regarding e-vouchers early next week. Further information for families that this affects will be sent separately.

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Further information regarding access to online learning for students in years 9, 10 & 11 will be sent out later today and posted on our website <http://www.hovepark.brighton-hove.sch.uk/covid-19>

I hope that you and your family stay safe and well.

Best wishes,

Jim Roberts, Head Teacher

### Definitions of roles defined within Key Worker

#### Health and social care

This includes but is not limited to doctors, nurses, midwives, paramedics, social workers, care workers, and other frontline health and social care staff including volunteers; the support and specialist staff required to maintain the UK's health and social care sector; those working as part of the health and social care supply chain, including producers and distributors of medicines and medical and personal protective equipment.

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### **Education and childcare**

This includes nursery and teaching staff, social workers and those specialist education professionals who must remain active during the COVID-19 response to deliver this approach.

### **Key public services**

This includes those essential to the running of the justice system, religious staff, charities and workers delivering key frontline services, those responsible for the management of the deceased, and journalists and broadcasters who are providing public service broadcasting.

### **Local and national government**

This only includes those administrative occupations essential to the effective delivery of the COVID-19 response or delivering essential public services such as the payment of benefits, including in government agencies and arm's length bodies.

### **Food and other necessary goods**

This includes those involved in food production, processing, distribution, sale and delivery as well as those essential to the provision of other key goods (for example hygienic and veterinary medicines).

### **Public safety and national security**

This includes police and support staff, Ministry of Defence civilians, contractor and armed forces personnel (those critical to the delivery of key defence and national security outputs and essential to the response to the COVID-19 pandemic), fire and rescue service employees (including support staff), National Crime Agency staff, those maintaining border security, prison and probation staff and other national security roles, including those overseas.

### **Transport**

This includes those who will keep the air, water, road and rail passenger and freight transport modes operating during the COVID-19 response, including those working on transport systems through which supply chains pass.

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### Utilities, communication and financial services

This includes staff needed for essential financial services provision (including but not limited to workers in banks, building societies and financial market infrastructure), the oil, gas, electricity and water sectors (including sewerage), information technology and data infrastructure sector and primary industry supplies to continue during the COVID-19 response, as well as key staff working in the civil nuclear, chemicals, telecommunications (including but not limited to network operations, field engineering, call centre staff, IT and data infrastructure, 999 and 111 critical services), postal services and delivery, payments providers and waste disposal sectors.

If workers think they fall within the critical categories above they should confirm with their employer that, based on their business continuity arrangements, their specific role is necessary for the continuation of this essential public service.

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