



Principal: Helen Corbett

School closure for students who do not fall into the 'key worker' or 'vulnerable' category:

Details of the categories can be found: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

Government information to parents can be found: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers#critical-workers>

Remote Learning at George Spencer Academy

Dear Parent and Carers,

Over recent weeks we have been implementing a means to successfully provide our students with a suitable learning experience should we be in a position where George Spencer Academy had to close.

In light on the latest government announcement from Monday 23rd March onwards we will be running remote learning via Google Classroom. Curriculum Teams have been working hard to ensure subject learning material is readily available and we have assessed that students have their log in details. In order for our remote learning offer to run smoothly we have set up a structure for parents and students to work within. Below are further details of our approach:

Parent/Carer support for remote learning:

You may wish to consider the following points:

For all students:

- If possible, provide a table which can be used to write on or complete work at via a computer.
- The structure of the day is important, please try and keep to normal working patterns during the morning and afternoon with a break and lunch incorporated. The timings of the normal school day and the student's timetable, can be found in their planners which can be used as an effective means of allowing all subjects to have the right amount of time allocation per week.
- Revision guides and books can be used to promote further study or used as an alternative to computer-based study. Your child is aware of how these can be transformed into mind maps or flash cards.

For students with online access:

All students at George Spencer Academy have personal log-ons to access Google classroom / drive and also the student hub which contains subject sites as well as links to the Google classrooms, the following two links are useful for you to be aware of:

<https://sites.google.com/george-spencer.notts.sch.uk/studenthub/subjects>

<https://classroom.google.com/h>

The classrooms will be checked daily and work which is submitted via these classrooms will be marked remotely on a weekly basis as long as staff are well. Mark schemes will be provided for students to self-assess their own work against, if past papers are set.

- Speakers or headphones may be necessary to access some of the learning tools on the Google classroom.
 - If there are issues with being able to log on, passwords can be reset by filling in the form <https://forms.gle/3vNUbynfN5hUPsY1A>
 - Other notable online sites can be accessed to support learning such as Seneca and BBC Bitesize.
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Students without ICT access at home:

We have identified students who do not have internet/ICT access at home and have prepared work packs for individual students. Mr Hartley will ensure students identified receive suitable learning material posted home.

Enhanced offer for Year 11 and Year 13:

It is a very important that Year 11 and Year 13 continue to learn and remain focused on their work. Our two Vice Principals have produced an enhanced offer to the general remote learning offer that will maximise their learning experience at home. All resources have been uploaded onto Google Classroom.

Safeguarding:

The safeguarding of our staff and students remains our number one priority during remote learning. We have directed staff to only have contact with students via Google Classroom and email. We also ask you as parents to support your child in being safe online. It is likely that your child will be using the internet more than ever so safer internet messages are particularly important. Please discuss the below with your child:

- Privacy settings – Check that your child knows about the privacy settings of their favourite accounts and that these settings protect them from being contacted by strangers.
- Awareness – Discuss whether your child knows the rules about how to behave and stay safe on the sites, games and apps that they use. Check they are aware of how to block, mute and report other users that aren't behaving, and encourage them to inform you if they are concerned or upset about anything.
- Consent – Discuss the importance of asking others before sharing something about them (including selfies) and remind them that things which we may think are okay or funny might actually worry or upset someone else.

Further guidance and information can be found at www.internetmatters.org

For out of hours safeguarding concerns please contact Mrs C Holland on 07837 095068.

In addition, should your child require any pastoral support or you have any pastoral questions our Directors of Learning and their Senior Leader Links will be available via email.

Pastoral Leadership:

- Year 7: Mr L Richardson and Mr J Dakers (SLT, Assistant Principal)
 - Lrichardson@george-spencer.notts.sch.uk and Jdakers@george-spencer.notts.sch.uk
- Year 8: Miss R Johnson and Mr P Allen (SLT, Assistant Principal)
 - Rjohnson@george-spencer.notts.sch.uk and Pallen@george-spencer.notts.sch.uk
- Year 9: Mrs L Brown and Mr K Hartley (SLT, Assistant Principal)
 - Lbrown@george-spencer.notts.sch.uk and Khartley@george-spencer.notts.sch.uk
- Year 10: Mr P Burrows and Mr N Platts (SLT, Assistant Principal)
 - Pburrows@george-spencer.notts.sch.uk and Nplatts@george-spencer.notts.sch.uk
- Year 11: Miss L Jenkinson (SLT Vice Principal with leadership of Year 11)
 - Ljenkinson@george-spencer.notts.sch.uk
- 6th Form: Miss J Gordon (SLT Vice Principal with leadership of 6th Form)
 - Jgordon@george-spencer.notts.sch.uk
- Safeguarding: Mrs C Holland and Mr J Dakers
 - Cholland@george-spencer.notts.sch.uk and Jdakers@george-spencer.notts.sch.uk

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and to add that now we are working very differently and providing two offers, one remotely and one in school, that we will continue to try our very best to provide a suitable learning experience for our students.

Kindest regards.

Mrs H Corbett
Principal