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Dear Parents and Carers,

We write further to the earlier Prime Minister's briefing and statement made to the House of Commons earlier by Gavin Williamson, Secretary of State for Education.

Covid-19 is undoubtedly one of the greatest global challenges of our time and we in education must now also adapt and adopt profound changes to our methods of working.

George Spencer Academy will close at 3:20 on Friday 20 March - until further notice - to all students other than those in the following categories as identified by the Prime Minister:

- Children of key workers
- Children with an EHCP (Education Health Care Plan)
- Children with social worker involvement

In order to enable us to plan coverage for key workers' children ONLY (we have the other groups' information), it is imperative that you complete the survey below:

<https://forms.gle/uz8W18cGoEdjZfEh9>

For these young people we will be running - for as long as we are able - provision on our school site, including over the Easter Holidays. This provision will not be students' usual timetable but rather supervised study of the work that has been set for all learners. We will endeavour to complement this with practical activities.

As we will not be setting work with teacher input over the Easter holidays, the on-site provision will be more activity based and, depending on the availability and specialism of the teachers might include sports and arts.

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We are acutely aware of the additional stress and pressure our year 11 and 13 students will be under. It is imperative that they remain focused on any work set as they will still be progressing to the next stage of education/training. We shall write further once the government has set out its plans for these cohorts' qualifications.

Our continued provision is subject to us having sufficient staff available to operate safely.

At the time of writing we are not able to confirm whether school transport will continue in its current form and will let parents know as soon as we have more information.

Please keep checking the school website and emails regularly as these will be our channels for communication.

Please could we respectfully ask for your support in not calling us with questions at this stage. We are currently awaiting detailed guidance from Government and are taking the necessary time to plan so we can provide all parents and carers with clear information. We will provide a further update later today.

These are extraordinary times and your children are extraordinary young people and we look forward to welcoming them back as soon as possible.

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in red ink, appearing to read 'H Corbett', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Mrs H Corbett

Principal