

Wednesday 24th January 2024

Dear Parent/Carer/Guardian,

Firstly, can we thank you all for your assistance this morning. We were able to evacuate students off the school site quickly and in a very calm atmosphere and your part in that process was important. The students were a credit to you. As our message this morning explained, the storm we experienced last night meant that we had to cordon off a section of the school that students rely on to circulate around the site safely. This meant we had to take the unfortunate decision to send students home.

We have assessed the area of school where there is an issue and have made the decision to open school tomorrow and Friday for Year 11, Year 13 and a small cohort of 'vulnerable children' only. The school site will be safe for the number of students expected to attend and this will allow lessons to continue for students in exam year groups. A large area of the site will be cordoned off to ensure their safety and this will not impact on lessons. Students in other year groups will be able to complete work online. We will communicate plans for next week as soon as we can. We have various contractors on site tomorrow to help us put the necessary plans in place to secure the site.

Students in Year 11 & Year 13

Onsite provision will be available for Years 11 & 13. All lessons will be in the Main Building or Sports Hall only. The Sixth Form building will be closed. Students will be able to use the Dining Rooms in the Primary Diner at Break and Lunch. Year 11 students are to arrive for 8.20am via the entrance near Reception. Year 13 students are to enter school through the blue gate turnstile near reception. Room changes for lessons will be on display at the LRC. The Livewire entrance and turnstile will not be open.

Year 13 Parents' Evening will go ahead as planned tomorrow evening. Miss Turner will send parents/carers more details later today.

Students in Years 7-10 & Year 12:

Great Sankey High School will be closed to all students in Years 7-10 & Year 12, with the exception of 'vulnerable children' as defined by the Department for Education.

Students will be able to access remote work as detailed below. Your child's attendance will not be affected by this partial closure. There is a Year 10 Science trip tomorrow which will still take place. Students on the trip will be directed to Barrow Hall Theatre at 8.20am.

Onsite provision for vulnerable children in all other year groups

Students will participate in small group work & personal development sessions. Parents/carers of students identified as vulnerable **will be contacted today.**

For Year 11 & 13, our usual first day response to absence will be applied, such as contact with parents and home visits where appropriate, in keeping with our usual policies.

On-line education

Students will be able to access on-line work using any digital device including desktop PC, laptop, tablet, game console or mobile phone. The work for the day will be set on Bromcom via Homework Assignments. If your child does not have their Bromcom account set up or are having issues, please contact your year team.

Year Group	Contact email address
Year 7	Intake2023@greatsankey.org
Year 8	Intake2022@greatsankey.org
Year 9	Intake2021@greatsankey.org
Year 10	Intake2020@greatsankey.org
Year 12	H.donson-jones@gshs.omegamat.co.uk

The public bus services will be expected to run as normal.

Students attending school will be required to wear their normal uniform at all times. The expectations as detailed in our behaviour policy remain in place to ensure we maintain a safe environment for our students and staff.

Finally, in order to effectively safeguard those students who are expected to attend the school on this day, we politely ask that parents inform us by 8.00am if their child is unable to attend on that day. This absence should be communicated by sending a message via MCAS or calling our normal student absence line.

We thank you for your understanding and co-operation during this time.

Yours faithfully,



Christian Wilcocks
Chief Executive Officer



Gary Evans
Headteacher