

Friday, 20 March 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

## RE: Support to your child during the period of school closure

As you are no doubt aware, due to national school closures in response to the coronavirus pandemic, Longdendale High School will remain closed to the majority of learners from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2020.

However, as per the government's guidance on school closures, **Longdendale High School will remain open to your child**. This is because either your child has an allocated Social Worker, has an EHCP, is classed as LAC or you have been confirmed as a key worker by the school and have no safe alternative to school for your child.

Therefore, unless they are currently self-isolating, your child is expected in school from 8:30 am – 3:00pm pm each day as normal. If your child has an allocated Social Worker they will not need to attend school if your Social Worker contacts Mrs J Noble to notify us that they are happy for your child to remain at home.

If your child is accessing provision in school and is unable to attend school for any reason you must notify school on each day of absence. If your child fails to attend school you will be contacted to ascertain a reason for their non-attendance. If your child has an allocated Social Worker and we are unable to contact you then school, or your child's allocated Social Worker where necessary, will undertake a home visit to check on the welfare of your child.

It remains important, however, that if your child displays either symptoms of the coronavirus (high temperature or a new persistent cough) that they remain off school for 14 days. You must still, however, contact school to notify us that your child is self-isolating.

On the reverse of this letter you will find a list of contact details for services who can offer support/advice during this difficult period. You will also find the details of the school's Designated Safeguarding Team.

If your child is attending school, meals will be available for your child, as normal, in school.

Your child will have access to a tailored timetable in school that corresponds with their age and ability. Your child should attend school in full school uniform and will need to bring a PE kit with them on a Monday and a Wednesday.

We will update you if this provision needs to change. Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Yours sincerely,

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Helpline		Helpline
<b>Samaritans</b> 116 123 This number is free to call 24 hours a day		<b>Childline</b> 0800 1111 Free confidential advice. This number is free to call 24 hours a day
Website		Helpline
www.kooth.com Free, safe and anonymous online support for young people		NSPCC 08088005000 Advice and guidance for adults
Food banks		Helpline
Hollingworth Food Bank St May's Hollingworth	Tameside South & Longdendale Food Bank Hattersley Baptist Church, Melandra Crescent, Hyde, SK14 3RB	Domestic abuse helpline 08082000247 Support for women and children
Phone Apps		Helpline
www.childline.org.uk/toolbox/for-me/ Headspace Calmzone www.meetwo.co.uk		Early Help Access Point 0161 342 4260 Information and advice for families in Tameside
Website/Drop In		Websites
The Talk Shop – Thursdays, 4-7 pm The Antony Seddon Centre George Street Ashton-under-Lyne		www.mind.org.uk www.thinkuknow.co.uk www.childmind.org.uk
www.tasfund.org.uk/talk-shop-children-young- people		Bereavement Support

## Designated Safeguarding Leaders in School:

Mrs Julie Noble Mrs Andrea Jones Mr Chris Major Mrs Jenny Willis