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Dear Parents & Carers

As you may be aware, today the Department for Education and Public Health England have taken the decision to close all schools and places of education, as such on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March the school will close. This decision has been taken by the government to try and limit the spread of the coronavirus (Covid-19).

Bishopshalt School is following government advice and the school will be closed to all staff and students until we are notified that we are permitted to reopen to our students. We will keep you updated and pass on any advice we receive from the Department for Education or Public Health England via our school website [www.bishopshalt.hillingdon.sch.uk](http://www.bishopshalt.hillingdon.sch.uk) and text messaging.

We understand that this will be a difficult and worrying time for our school community and we want to reassure everyone. We are working on a range of support plans for our students and will expect them to follow their normal daily timetable during this closure:

- Tasks and work will be set for students over the next two weeks via Show My Homework and Google Classroom. Students will be expected to follow their normal daily timetable and complete work while the school is closed.
- Your child will also be given access to virtual learning platforms to allow students to continue their studies from home.
- If your child is due to sit any exams in the coming weeks, the school will be in touch with you directly to advise on alternative plans being put in place.
- We ask that you regularly check the school website where the COVID-19 page will provide you with all current information and updates.

There is no need for parents, staff or children to take any further action at this stage. However, if you or a member of your family is feeling unwell and you are worried about the virus then please do contact NHS 111 for advice. You can also visit NHS.UK to find out more information.

If you need to contact a member of staff urgently, please email [zbermingham@bihsopshalt.school](mailto:zbermingham@bihsopshalt.school) and your message will be passed on as a priority.

Should you and your family need any further support during this time of school closures you can also contact:

**Gov.uk:** <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public>

**Local Authority website:** <https://www.egfl.org.uk/facilities/health-and-safety/infectious-and-contagious-diseases-and-immunisations>

**Citizens Advice:** [www.citizensadvice.org.uk/](http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/)

**NSPCC Childline:** [www.childline.org.uk/](http://www.childline.org.uk/) T: 0800 1111

I look forward to seeing everyone back at the school in the near future. Once again, please note that we will regularly update our school website during this period of closure and share with you any further guidance and information from the Department for Education.

Yours sincerely

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