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Dear parents and carers,

We are writing to update you on the situation at Malet Lambert, following our letter to you this morning outlining our response to the spread of the Coronavirus and our process for decision making.

We have looked at our current staffing and also what we know about staffing over the next few days.

We are pleased to inform you that as things stand this evening, we expect to be **OPEN for all pupils tomorrow, Wednesday 18 March**. We have a number of staff who are required to stay at home but we are able to open safely as things stand. We will write to you again if this situation should change.

Planning for the future, any pupil who has to stay at home either as a result of government guidance or because of the potential partial closure of the school will have access to a large bank of online learning. This has been developed by our own staff and is relevant and specific to the curriculum pupils are following. Information on how to access this platform is at the end of this letter. The platform will be live from the morning of Wednesday 18 March.

Today we began the process of identifying which pupils will need to have access to school because their **primary carer** is a key worker in the health or education systems. The quickest way to do this was by asking the pupils if their primary carer is any of the following and **would be required to miss work to look after the pupil**.

- Working in healthcare or social care (e.g. nurses, doctors, paramedics, care workers, midwives, health visitors, social workers, cleaners, caretakers, nursery assistants)
- Staff working in a school – where the school remain open (e.g. teachers, TAs, cleaners, caretakers, lunchtime supervisors)

This approach provides a rough estimate and is not an ideal way of gathering accurate information. Therefore, if you do work in any of those areas and **would be required to miss work if your child could not come to school** please let us know as soon as possible by following this link: <https://bit.ly/2wf9BgC> so that we can establish which pupils we would expect if we do get to this stage.

If we do reach this situation in the near future, please be aware that pupils attending under these arrangements will not have access to their full normal timetable. However, we will look after them, ensure they have access to resources, have meals and break times. This is a genuine effort on our part to help relieve some of the burden on the NHS and thus help to protect the most vulnerable people in our society.



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Over the last few days, we have been struck by the maturity and sensible behaviour of our pupils. We know however, that many young people are anxious about this really significant situation nationally and internationally. We will continue to reassure them that the measures we are taking do not mean they are at significantly more risk and that medical experts are sure that young people are at the lowest risk of serious symptoms from this virus.

Thank you once again for your support at this difficult time.

Kind regards

Jonny Uttley
CEO

Patrick Sprakes
Headteacher



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Instructions for accessing the online platform

If your child is absent from school due to illness, self-isolation or future potential closure we have provided an online platform to support their ongoing education. All subjects will be accessible through the following link or from the school website. A video tutorial is available on the school website to show how to access the portal.

Malet Lambert: <http://maletlambert.school-work.co.uk>
Password: students

Each subject has its own designated folder and by following the link, you will find further guidance on how to access subject material within the platform.

Work has been structured so that it supports and complements your child's on-going education, although it has been planned so that should your child be unable to complete it this will not impact on their learning once they return to school.

During this period we have had to prioritise our resources to support pupils preparing for external assessments in year 11 and should pupils in this year group need to contact a subject specialist during this period, we are working on a dedicated email addresses on the platform for each subject. Other year groups are welcome to use these email addresses also and work will be updated by subject leaders regularly to ensure there is ample quality provision.

Staff will endeavour to respond to emails from pupils in a timely manner. However, please be aware that these email addresses will be monitored during normal school hours. It may be that at certain times we have a number of staff that are also suffering from illness or caring for dependants with an illness so we kindly ask parents and carers to have patience and we will do our very best to support your child.

As well as support from subject specialists, should you or your child require any pastoral support during this time there will also be a dedicated electronic system to help deal with any concerns or queries you may have, or if pupils require any emotional support. We will endeavour to reply to in the same way as the subject support emails, but please be aware that this will also be monitored during normal school hours. Mr Fenna will be sending a separate letter about this tomorrow.

Our staff are working hard to ensure that our pupils are supported both academically and emotionally through these difficult times. If you are unable to access the online platform, please contact the school office in the first instance.



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