

## To Parents of Students at Sidcot School

18 March 2020

Dear Parent

### School Closure

Following the measures announced this afternoon (Wednesday 18 March) by the Secretary of State for Education, I can confirm that Sidcot will be **closing to students on Friday 20 March 2020**. This means that we will be reverting to Online Supported Learning (OSL), as outlined in my letter of 17 March, from Monday 23 March until the start of the Easter holidays on Monday 6 April.

- Where parents consider that their occupation falls into the UK Government's 'key worker' category, please contact me directly ([iain.kilpatrick@sidcot.org.uk](mailto:iain.kilpatrick@sidcot.org.uk)).
- As there has not been a date identified for the re-opening of schools, we will keep parents informed of developments with further communication via In-Touch. If we remain closed after the Easter holidays, as looks likely to be the case, OSL will re-commence on 21 April.
- We would like to reassure our boarding families that the boarding houses will remain open until Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April for those boarders who do not have alternative arrangements in place until that date. The boarding houses will then close for the duration of the Easter holiday. If you still require help to find a host family, please let your child's Housemaster or Housemistress know as a matter of urgency.
- We will contact parents of students in Years 11 and 13 taking public examinations with further details in due course, once we have received guidance from the relevant examination boards.

Whilst we regret this situation, we fully understand and support the need to keep all members of the Sidcot community safe and well during this period of uncertainty precipitated by the COVID-19 pandemic.



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I am confident that we will continue to be able to deliver a good quality offer through OSL until such time as normal operating conditions are re-established. In the meantime, I hope students, parents and families stay well in the weeks that lie ahead.

Yours sincerely

Iain Kilpatrick  
Headmaster

**Link to OSL:** <https://intranet.sidcot.org.uk/online-supported-learning>

Please check that you are able to access this page and, if not, contact the school on [oslhelp@sidcot.org.uk](mailto:oslhelp@sidcot.org.uk)