Eden Girls

Friday 20th March 2020 / 25th Rajab 1441

Dear Parent / Carer

Yesterday you received a letter from the Chief Executive of Star Academies, informing you that all schools will be closed from **Friday 20th March 2020** for the foreseeable future. We do not know how long the period of closure will continue. This drastic decision has been made by the Government to try and halt the spread of coronavirus.

I know that the closure of the school will cause you and your children considerable disappointment and anxiety. I am writing to inform you of the steps that we are taking to ensure that we support your children's education and wellbeing.

All pupils will receive important information, guidance and materials to support their studies. We will ensure that any pupils who are absent also receive these materials.

Pupils are expected to continue with their studies while they are at home. Please note the following:

- Please note that pupils in all year groups should start to use their study packs on Monday 24th March using their personalised home learning timetable provided.
- Pupils in Years 7, 8 and 9 will receive home learning to prepare for their end of year exams. These exams will take place when school reopens. It is essential that all pupils continue to study.
- Pupils in Year 9 will receive online learning resources for which they will have access to.
- Pupils in Year 10 will receive online lessons in all subjects for which they will sit GCSE examinations.
- Pupils in Years 11 will not be sitting GCSE this year. They should continue deepening their knowledge so that they are well prepared for transition to sixth form. We will inform you as soon as the Office for Standards and Qualifications (Ofqual) has decided on how pupils' achievements will be recognised.

The school is fully committed to supporting the Government's drive to support our community. Vulnerable pupils will be invited to attend school, as will children of key workers. **If you believe that you are a key worker (as defined by the Government) and you require your child to be supervised, please contact the school by emailing** keyworkers@egcoventry.staracademies.org **to indicate that you wish your child to attend school.** Provision for vulnerable children and children of key workers will commence on **Monday 23rd March 2020** and will continue during term-time and during the Easter school holiday period. Initially this will be provided on our school site, if there are any further changes we will keep you informed of arrangements in good time.

We will be providing vouchers for pupils who are entitled to receive free school meals. We will advise you separately about how vouchers will be distributed. In the meantime we will provide pupils with alternative arrangements from Monday 23rd March 2020.

The school pastoral and safeguarding teams will still be available during the school closure. If there are any issues that you feel we should know about, or anything that you feel we can help with, please contact the school using the above email or phone with your enquiry.
Please can you remind your daughter to remain safe on-line. The school has delivered many lessons on this key area and we would like every child to follow the guidance we have given to them

We will continue to keep you informed of developments. If you have any concerns or queries, please contact the school via email. We will respond as soon as possible. Thank you for your continued support during this difficult time. We really appreciate it. I hope that you and your family remain well.

Yours sincerely,

Sumeya Bhikhu
Acting Principal