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Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to you to confirm that Abbey Grange will be closed for the 2 weeks of the Easter holidays. We have remained open for the past 2 weeks for a small group of students, either keyworkers' children or vulnerable students, but were looking at a situation where the numbers over Easter were going to be so small that remaining open would not be viable. The families concerned have managed to put arrangements in place, and for this I am grateful, as it allows us to direct staff to follow government guidance to stay at home. This means that the school office will be closed for these 2 weeks.

Going forward, the same arrangements will resume after the Easter holidays with nearly all students at home with work being set. The Year 7 Parents' Evening scheduled for 30th April is cancelled, but details of student progress will be sent out in due course.

There has been some news today about how GCSE and A level grades will be set for Year 11 and 13 students. Mrs Thornton is sending more information on this out via MILK, including a letter addressed to students. Please follow this link if you want to know more:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/how-gcses-as-a-levels-will-be-awarded-in-summer-2020>

Finally, I would like to make families aware of the support available through Leeds City Council in response to the Covid-19 crisis, especially over the holiday period when school is closed:

General Phone number: 0113 378 1877 e.g. for people who can't get out, need help with shopping, collecting medication etc (*this is for any area of the city*)

Welfare support number: 0113 376 0330 e.g. for families in financial difficulty, help with food, energy bills, welfare applications etc. (*again this is for any area of the city*)

Families are being asked to self-refer to these sources of support. It is a simple process and quite straightforward so we hope all our families who need help will be able to get help easily.

Whatever your situation as a family over the Easter period, I hope that you will take comfort and hope from the Easter message of new life, in what continue to be uncertain times for us all.

Yours faithfully

J Norden

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