



Sedbergh Schools' response to the risk presented by Novel Coronavirus (Covid-19)

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At 5.00pm on Wednesday 18 March, the Government announced that Nurseries, Schools and Sixth Forms should close to pupils except those of key workers and vulnerable pupils at the end of the School day on Friday afternoon. The closure is required in order to diminish interaction between individuals and delay the spread of the Coronavirus Covid-19.

The result of this policy decision is that Sedbergh School, Casterton, Sedbergh Prep School and The Mulberry Bush Nursery will close at the end of this week. Parents may collect their children from both Schools from 2.00pm on Friday 20 March. Boarders may be collected throughout the weekend at parents' convenience and in liaison with House staff. The process of closure is set out in Statement 6 on the Schools' [internet sites](#).

Between now and then, staff in both Schools will ensure that children are provided with resources for remote learning and prepared for departure. Remote learning will commence on Monday morning until the end of Term, as set out in the Headmasters' Education Continuity Policies which may also be found through the [Coronavirus link](#) in the folders marked 'Senior School' and 'Prep School'. Details of the School's ongoing communication with pupils and parents are available in the same folders.

In the event that a pupil is the child of a key worker as defined by the Government or unable to leave either School we will ensure they are cared for in all respects until such arrangements can be made. Please contact their Housemaster or Housemistress if you are unable to collect or arrange for your son or daughter to leave School.

For the sake of clarity, I regret this development also means that the Wilson Run has to be postponed.

We will move into a remote learning phase next week and will then start to make arrangements for the Summer Term. There is much uncertainty about public exams, and I take this opportunity to reassure parents that we will follow the detail of this debate carefully and are alive to the possibilities of a compressed timescale in June/July or the need to prepare candidates for exams in September. We will make it our highest priority that pupils are fully prepared for their exams and will communicate our plans with parents at the earliest opportunity.

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