

COVID - 19 UPDATE: 18th March 2020

Dear Parents, Guardians and Pupils,

In light of this evening's announcement from the First Minister, I want to inform you that Sperrin College will remain closed to pupils on Friday 20th and until further notice.

These are unprecedented times and the entire staff at Sperrin College are working hard to put in place measures to enable all our pupils to continue with their learning via distance learning platforms.

REMOTE ACCESS TEST

On Thursday 19th March, Google Classroom codes for Years 8-10 will be shared via Parent App and text, whilst Years 11-14 (codes for each subject) will **only** be sent via the Parent App.

Early on Friday morning (no later than 11 o'clock) all pupils should login and test their access to Google Classroom.

If you cannot access the codes, or have general accessibility difficulties, please contact the school.

In addition, arrangements are also being made for those with limited IT access and an UPDATE WILL FOLLOW.

LEARNING AND WORK SCHEDULE

On Friday 20th March, I will provide a *Comprehensive Guide for parents and pupils on the expected work schedules* for all pupils, this will include guidance and technical support around access and distance learning.

PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS

We know that there are still many questions that remain unanswered regarding public examinations, especially for senior pupils.

Please be assured that we fully understand the difficult situation that our pupils find themselves in and the stress this is causing. At this stage, we recommend that pupils do their best to continue with the work we have provided. Where possible, they should continue to submit coursework and assessments as directed by their teachers. It is therefore important that pupils regularly check teacher guidance on Google Classroom with regards to tasks to be completed.

We will continue to update you as further details emerge from Education Authorities and Examination Bodies. Please continue to regularly check Facebook, Parent App and our text messaging service.

In the meantime, please look after yourselves and your families.

Your Sincerely

B Heron - Principal