

Dear Parents and Carers,

26th June 2020

I hope this letter finds you and your family safe and well.

I am writing to you to inform you of the early closure of the school this term. **The school will close to students from Monday 29th June 2020.** This is due to the major rebuilding work that will take place over the summer period.

I apologise for the sudden notice, but the decision was taken this week to start the work earlier in order to ensure the school is finished and ready for students in September. Given the current disruption to the school day caused by COVID-19 and the reduced timetables students are currently following, it seems sensible to use these last three weeks for building work to ensure there is minimal disruption to learning in the new academic year.

Please be reassured that during the remainder of the summer term, teaching and support staff will remain in contact with all families and online learning will continue. The Just B wellbeing support will also remain in place for the remainder of the summer term. Please speak to staff during your weekly welfare calls to discuss any questions or worries you may have.

At this stage we are hopeful to **re-open to all students on Wednesday 9th September.** However, as you will understand, it is impossible to predict what the exact situation will be given the unpredictable nature of the pandemic and ever-changing government guidance.

We will keep families informed of developments and plans for September as the situation evolves and thank you for your patience during this uncertain time. We do have our website up and running now and we will post messages to parents and carers to keep them up-to-date with developments.

Over the summer major changes are taking place to the Grove Academy. From September, the centre will re-open as *Springwell Harrogate*. The school will no longer be called the Grove Academy as it has become part of the Springwell Leeds group of specialist schools.

We are excited about these changes and the major refurbishment of the school which will mean that students can enjoy a new, more spacious and modern centre. Wellspring are investing significantly in transforming the school into a more attractive and comfortable place to learn.

In the meantime, I wish you and your family an enjoyable and safe summer, and look forward to welcoming you back to a brand new centre in the new academic year.

John Warren,
Headteacher,
The Grove Academy.

