

**How did the pandemic affect school opening and teaching provision?**

As a result of the Covid-19 pandemic and in line with local authority guidance, Richard Hale School closed on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2020 to all students, except the most vulnerable and children of Key Workers. All teaching provision was immediately switched to online learning and delivered via Google Classroom. Online lessons involving live teaching were not permitted by the School at this time. The school remained closed to all but the children of key workers and those identified as vulnerable until 15<sup>th</sup> June 2020, during which time teachers ran their provision from home using Google Classroom, with audio lessons being introduced as an option for staff from 20<sup>th</sup> May. Our blended learning approach continued until the end of the summer term, with Year 12 students invited to return to school for a 20-minute face to face session with one teacher from each of their subjects to discuss progress and highlight areas of concern. The school reopened full time for all students from 7<sup>th</sup> September 2020.