



Tuesday 17 March 2020

Dear parents/carers,

Following our letter dated Friday 13/03/20 and our daily updates on Twitter, we are trying to keep you as informed as possible. We are having to react on a day to day basis to new advice and guidance from the Government and the Department for Education.

We continue to follow the government advice and guidance for educational settings.

- We ask that parents inform us via the enquiry email or phone if any of our students are in self-isolation for 14 days (if anyone in the household has a fever and/or a new persistent cough the whole family now has to self-isolate).
- We have not been notified of any confirmed cases of Coronavirus in our school community. If any are confirmed, we will follow the Public Health advice.
- Our staff have now received training on GCSE Pod. We have rolled this out to students and will send details to any students who are currently absent.
- Work for students who are self-isolating is being set via **class charts**.
- We are continuing our hygiene advice and information to our students.
- We have extra cleaning protocols in place for identified areas of risk.
- We have plans in place if any child or adult develop symptoms during the school day.
- We are postponing our Year 9 parents' evening which was due to take place on Thursday 26th March.
- School sports fixtures have been halted for the foreseeable future.
- Any day trips and visits planned have been cancelled and will be rearranged at a later date.
- We are waiting to hear from the providers of our planned residential trips, most of which are in the summer term, and will contact those affected later this week.
- We will continue to follow the guidance from the exam boards and OFQUAL in the lead up to the exams. <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/ofqual>

We thank parents for their kind words and support. We aim to keep things as normal as possible for our students but, as you will understand, we will have to adapt daily as we have staff who are also affected. Please bear with us at this unprecedented time.

We will continue to put updates on our twitter page and we will send group letters home via email and post on the school website. Please notify us of any email address changes.

If the school is instructed to close, we have plans in place to switch to on line learning for our students through the 'Class Charts' platform. Please ensure that you can access this and alert us if there are any issues.

Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with everyone within and beyond our community.

Yours sincerely,

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Headteacher

