

11th March 2020

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s)

I am writing with an update on the school's position in relation to the Coronavirus. I am pleased to confirm that the advice from Public Health England is that the school should remain open.

However, I do wish to reassure you that, in the event we are forced to close, we are currently planning and putting in place contingency measures to ensure continuation of your child's learning. Pupils' and students will be set daily work that must be completed. To help this planning, please can I ask that you:-

- Encourage your son or daughter to take all books and equipment home each night and only bring their equipment for that day. In this way they will always be able to access resources at home.
- Make sure that they know how to access both Frog and DPR so that we can set work and share assignments.
- For Year 11 and Year 13 pupils and students, they can access revision materials in Frog and also on our website. There is already an expectation that pupils and students are pro-active with their revision and should use their own resources as well as the many resources that can be found on The Internet.

I am very hopeful that closure will not be necessary but if we do have to close then we will send an email to parents and place a notice on the school's website, Facebook page and Twitter feed. Please ignore any other hoax messages, which may appear through social media.

Regarding Year 11 and Year 13 taking examinations this year, I have received confirmation from the Department for Education confirming that Ofqual's overriding priorities are fairness to pupils and students this summer and keeping disruption to a minimum. The full guidance is within the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/updated-statement-on-coronavirus>



Planned School Trips

Cancellation of trips will be considered on an individual basis and following Public Health England (PHE) and Department for Education advice.

Other information regarding Covid-19 / Coronavirus can be found via the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

How to avoid catching or spreading coronavirus (Source www.nhs.uk)

DO

- wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
- always wash your hands when you get home or into work
- use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- put used tissues in the bin straight away and wash your hands afterwards
- try to avoid close contact with people who are unwell

DON'T

- do not touch your eyes, nose or mouth if your hands are not clean

I will continue to inform parents and carers of any significant updates as they are received.

Yours faithfully



Mr Darren Luckhurst
Principal