



Tuesday 10 March 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian

I write to you regarding the current coronavirus situation. We have been carefully following Government advice and have been putting in place plans and resources to meet all possible eventualities.

Following the most recent advice, it is clear that there is an increasing likelihood that the COVID-19 virus will become more prevalent. In addition, the advice that may come into operation in 10-14 days is that people who show 'even minor' signs of respiratory tract infections or a fever will be told to self-isolate for seven days in an effort to tackle the outbreak.

This will mean it is more likely that students and staff will have to self-isolate. This has the potential to significantly reduce the staff we have available. Safety is our first priority and it may become necessary to close a year group or year groups on a particular day based on the staffing available.

We will communicate this on a daily basis via our website and text message directly to parents at 4:00pm the day before. Should there be an unexpected increase in staff absence overnight, an updated decision may have to be made at 8:00am in the morning and we will update the website and text home. We will prioritise students who are sitting examinations this summer to remain in school.

Please can all parents who are not currently receiving our text messages contact the school in the next few days to update their mobile number.

We have a number of trips planned over the next few weeks, and work experience for Year 10 next week. At this point we have received no advice to suggest these should not proceed as normal. We will keep this under review and should the advice change we will of course review our decision and communicate this to parents.

Yours faithfully

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