



Wednesday 18th March 2020

Coronavirus (Covid-19) - Update for Parents/Carers

Dear Parents/Carers,

You will appreciate that the content of this letter has changed substantially in the last hour or so following the government's new announcements on schools.

In summary:

- All schools will be closed at the end of the day on Friday
- Schools will be asked to remain open for:
 - Children of key workers
 - Vulnerable students
- There will be a scheme to support families on free school meals
- Examinations will not go ahead this summer and alternative assessment arrangements will be put in place.

Students & families of those in Year 11 and 13

I am sure that this announcement will come as a shock. We know how hard you have worked and that this creates a degree of uncertainty that you are likely to find very difficult. The same is true for your teachers who have been with you on this journey and desperately wish to see you get your just reward. Be assured that the school will do everything it can to ensure that you obtain the right result for you.

We are asking you to come in to school again tomorrow if you are fit, well and not isolating. The government assures us that alternative assessment arrangements will be put in place. We do not have details of what they are, but we can talk the options through with you. This will take place during part of period 1 tomorrow: Miss Castle will talk to Year 11 students and Mr Harvey will talk to Year 13 students. For those not able to make it in to school, a statement will be sent out.

Tomorrow, 19th March 2020

We will operate tomorrow in the same way that we have run today:

Students in Years 7, 8 and 9 should not attend school, nor come onto site during the school day.

For students in Key Stages 4 and 5, we will continue to run classes:

Students in Years 10, 11, 12 and 13 should continue to attend school.

As mentioned above, for Year 11 and Year 13 students there will be a session to review the government's announcement about exams.

Friday, 20th March

We will make a decision about Friday when we see the full impact of the government's statement tomorrow. I will write to you again. You should assume that we are likely to remain open for the same year groups.

Next week

No decisions have been made about the provision for next week until we have received further details from the government about the definitions that apply to key workers and how this will operate. I will write to you as soon as I have more information.

Wells Blue Sports Centre

We are closing the Sports Centre from tomorrow (19th March).

I would like to finish, again, by thanking those parents and friends of the school that have written in to express their support. Knowing that we have the backing of our community and that we work through this together has helped all our staff to keep going.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Woodlock', enclosed within a circular scribble.

Mark Woodlock
Headteacher