



Thursday 19th March 2020

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

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had no further announcements that affect schooling today in quite the way that yesterday's did. In school, we have had to absorb that information and plan for what happens next.

I am sure that you are aware that we are fortunate to live and work in a tremendous community:

- Almost every Year 11 student who was able to be in school, came in today. They heard what we know about examinations and how we will support them through the next phase. The statement is available to all Year 11 students on Google Classroom.
- We had a very high number of Year 13 students in as well. Those students needed to hear that the university sector, in particular, will support them through what comes next. That is the message that we are receiving. The statement for them is also on Google Classroom.
- We had an incredible staff response to delivering food parcels to those families entitled to free school meals. A large number of staff offered to deliver these across our wide community.

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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.

Next week

Our school will be closed to almost every student from Monday 23rd March until further notice.

We will only be open for vulnerable students (who will be specifically invited) and those from families of key workers. I wrote this morning asking for those who work in the key areas so far identified to email into school. Those groups include:

NHS staff

Emergency services – police, ambulance, fire services

Food delivery drivers

Those caring for vulnerable and elderly people

No further clarification has been received so far of other occupational groups that may be involved and we will let you know if that changes. The letter I sent out is on the school website if you wish to check your eligibility.

Tomorrow has the prospect of feeling like the end for many. School, in all its forms, for students, for staff, for the community, is huge social hub and that is about to be temporarily removed. That means that we have to rely on each other in different ways and look out for each other more carefully than we have done before. I am very confident, from the knowledge that I have of the people we have around us, that we will respond collectively in the right way and that will allow us to move positively through this chapter in our lives.

Once again, thank you for all the support that you have given the school.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Woodlock', written in a cursive style with a large loop at the end.

Mark Woodlock
Headteacher