



**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

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

Dear Parents/Carers,

This has been one of the most extraordinary weeks that I can remember. The extent of change, the alterations to our lives, and the pace at which it has happened. We have made it to Friday.

I have two letters to draw your attention to on our website:

- I wrote this morning about the provision for those families of vulnerable children or key workers. The government definition arrived late last night and if you haven't checked the current status, please see that letter.
- I have also written a letter to the students in Years 11 and 13. This afternoon, the government published some information about exam grades and how they will be calculated this summer. Please see the letter on the website for further details.

You will know that from this point there will be no normal schooling. That change will have a marked effect on many of us.

I cannot thank you enough for the support you have given the school this week. I have not been able to respond to all of the emails and messages, but I have tried to make sure that staff have seen what you have been saying. To those of you who posted on the Wells Community Facebook page – thank you – that was incredibly moving to read and, again, has been shared across the school. If you wish to post this letter as my thanks, then I would be most grateful.

The bond that this has created in our community has been quite special. I am very proud that we are this community's school and that we both service its needs and furnish its future. It may not seem like it at present, but there is a future out there. Perhaps the path is not as straight as it normally is, but there is more than one way of climbing a mountain. 'Together, we'll succeed' is not a motto, it is a belief and this community has demonstrated that so well this week.

In these strange times of disconnect, I will write to you again at some point next week or if there any further significant developments. Please do stay in touch.

Take care of yourselves, your families and your friends. Thank you for all the support that you have given the school.

Yours faithfully,

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