



Tuesday 17 March 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Coronavirus - update

I write to update on a number of matters regarding the Coronavirus outbreak. Firstly I want to reassure you that we are making every effort to remain open to students for as long as possible during this unprecedented time.

Following direction from Hope Learning Trust and guidance from the Department for Education, I regret to inform you that we have had to either cancel or postpone a wide range of non-essential school based activities and trips, including:

- All competitive sports fixtures against other schools
- GCSE Geography field trips for Y9 students
- All Duke of Edinburgh activities in March and April
- The 'Roots to Success' residential in March
- The Spring Concert on 1 April
- Year 10 Work Experience in May

Home learning

We are in the process of creating online resources which will be posted on our website and shared with students via Google Classroom, with a particular focus on Y11. We shall update you with further detail over the next few days/weeks.

Latest Health Advice: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

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General Guidance

We continue to encourage children to wash their hands more often than usual, for 20 seconds using soap and hot water. Also, to reduce the spread of germs, we will continue to encourage children when they cough or sneeze, to cover their mouth and nose with a tissue, or their sleeve (not their hands) if they don't have a tissue, and throw the tissue away immediately.

We ask that going forward you contact the academy regarding absence linked to suspected Coronavirus or contact with Coronavirus, either by message using the MyEd App or by telephone on 01904 560000.

We would like to reiterate the message that children should stay at home if they are unwell with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature to avoid spreading infection to others.

Please be aware that if your son/daughter were to become unwell on site with a new, continuous cough or high temperature, we will contact you to make arrangements for them to be sent home.

We hope that this letter updates you on our current planning whilst recognising that the landscape continues to evolve. Please be reassured that we will continue to make measured decisions in the best interests of the whole school community, whilst following the guidance provided by the DfE and Public Health England.

Yours faithfully,



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Principal