



17 March 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Response to Coronavirus

Further to the information that we have published on the school website I am writing to you with a further update that impacts on students in Years 8 and 9.

The measures that were put in place yesterday by the Government have resulted in a significant number of staff being absent from school with further absences anticipated in the next few days. This level of absence means that we are no longer able to staff the whole school timetable.

From the end of the school day today, Tuesday 17th March, the school will therefore be closed to students in Years 8 and 9. This is likely to remain the case at least until the end of this term.

Students in Years 7, 10, 11, 12 and 13 should still attend school as normal. This decision has been taken to allow exam classes to continue as long as possible and to keep our youngest year group in school. The majority of lessons in these year groups will be staffed by the normal teachers but there will be some cover arrangements put in place.

We are uploading resources to Google Classroom that will be accessible from home for all students and we will contact you shortly to share further information on how to access these resources so that students can continue learning from home.

We will continue to update parents and carers as we receive more information about the Coronavirus from the Government on a daily basis.

This is a very challenging time for the country and our school community and we are having to make decisions in a very tight timeframe. Thank you for your continued support for the school at this time.

Yours sincerely

Dave Hewitt
Headteacher