Dear Parents/Carers

CORONA VIRUS  Updates are as follows March 18th 2020

To date we are very fortunate that none of our staff have had a positive test for the COVID-19, the coronavirus. We do, however, have a number of staff who have underlying health issues or are pregnant and they need to be protected as much as possible from catching the virus. There are also a number of staff who have followed government guidance to self-isolate as they may have come into contact with people who have the virus. This has made it increasingly difficult to staff all of the classes and, as a result, we are going to make some changes to the school day from tomorrow.

From Thursday 19th March, school will be open as usual for Year 10, 11 and Sixth Form students only.

We are also offering provision for any child in Yr 7, 8, or 9 whose parents are classified as key workers, ie: teachers, police officers, armed forces personnel and National Health Service (NHS) workers. If your child falls into this category, please let the school know as soon as possible that they will be attending school.

Year 7, 8 and 9 students should remain at home and study from there. During this partial closure, teachers will continue to plan and set learning tasks for students via Show My Homework that are in line with the content they would be delivering to years 7, 8 and 9 on Thursday and Friday. In addition to this, years 7 and 8 have Independent Learning Booklets at home for each subject and a cross-curricular project to complete by the end of term. Year 9 will also have weekly homework tasks to complete in addition to weekly homework, in line with school policy. Year 9 students should also use the BBC Bitesize website, which offers a wealth of revision activities for their subjects.

Students should also check their school email for regular updates from their teachers.

We would ask parents to refrain from asking individual teachers to set work for their particular child and follow instructions to access work that has been uploaded and shared as above.
Safeguarding
There will be Safeguarding leads on site on Thursday and Friday. There may be arrangements for some individual students to come to school because of their personal circumstances. In this case, staff from school will contact the individual parents/carers concerned. Please note that there are a range of support services and their contact details that are posted on the Wellbeing tab of the school website – under the About Us Section.

Free School Meals
Any child who is in receipt of a free school meal and whose family would like them to come into school on Thursday or Friday for lunch should do so and arrive at 12:40pm. Please email the office staff to let them know in advance. In this instance, children should sign in on arrival at front reception and then sign out again at 1:10pm at the latest.

We are fully aware that there may well be further developments, please be advised that we plan to review these arrangements on Friday morning and will update all parents by 1pm Friday.

As the advice from the government is changing on a daily basis, please do check the school website and the suggested links for the most up to date advice and guidance. Thank you for your support and understanding,

Kind regards

Ms Nicholas
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