

16<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

The school continues to work daily to remain open and keep business as normal as possible. However, the change to the government guidelines around self-isolating is expected to cause us significant challenge. We are following government advice and guidelines closely and are continuing to manage hygiene on a daily basis.

As we prepare for a range of situations, the school keeps the safety of our students and wider community as a key priority. However, we have to contend with two other pressing issues:

1. Preparation for any enforced closure
2. Support for staff wellbeing so that school staffing levels can allow us to stay open for as long as possible.

Therefore, we are reviewing activities and extra after school classes in school and will be postponing many until we receive further instructions around social distancing. This is a precaution to manage the workload of staff during this current phase. It is likely that we will be postponing after school fixtures and practices, performances as well as Parent Consultation evenings. As we make decisions, we will let the students and families impacted know. In the meantime, it is probably safe to assume that there will be no voluntary school activities or revision classes. Please note the library will also be closed after school.

I will also be emailing parents separately with a request for some information, but this will make more sense when it arrives!

I am sorry for the continual communications, but I hope it helps to keep people informed of an ever changing situation.

Many thanks,



Ray Baker  
Headteacher