

Ref DJB/AQG/Letters/Notification Coronavirus

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Dear Parent/Carer

**RE: CORONAVIRUS**

In response to the changing advice and guidance regarding Coronavirus, I am writing to let you know what we are doing, and what we expect you to do in order to keep our school community safe.

**The Current Situation**

- The school remains open in line with current official guidance. Due to staffing levels there may be partial closures and this will be communicated to the parents/carers of the affected year group via email.
- All visits/clubs/fixtures have been cancelled. This was detailed in an email sent yesterday. This includes the postponement of peripatetic music lessons.
- Pupils should attend school unless they, or another member of the family display symptoms of Covid-19 (a continuous cough and/or a temperature). In this event they should self-isolate for 7 or 14 days (please see the NHS link for details). Once self-isolated, your child should not return to school until the 7/14 day period has lapsed.
- If your child is unwell or self-isolating, please report their absence through the usual channels.

The school is currently receiving a high volume of telephone calls regarding Coronavirus. Please be reminded that as a school we cannot offer medical advice. We can only advise that government guidance is followed. This can be found at [www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance)

If you have concerns about your child's health you should contact a medical professional. Should your child fall ill during the school day, they will be moved into a quiet area and you will be called. Please arrange for your child to be collected as soon as possible.

The steps we are taking as a school to reduce the spread of Covid-19 are as follows:

- All assemblies and meetings larger than a class have been cancelled.
- Year 10 examinations will be conducted in classrooms, not the sports hall.
- Lunchtimes have been phased to reduce the volume of students collecting food at the same time.
- Biometric devices are being sanitized after every use.
- Hand washing signs are clearly displayed and soap re-stocked regularly.
- External visitors to the school have been minimized.

- Additional focus has been emphasized with our cleaning team regarding the cleaning of those areas that are touched regularly.
- Students displaying symptoms of the virus are being moved to quiet rooms whilst awaiting collection.

The school will only close if we are officially advised to close, or if we do not have enough staff to run the school. In the event of a school closure, we will notify you via:

- Email
- PS Connect
- Social Media

During a period of closure teachers will set daily work on Show My Homework. Students should aim to follow their usual school timetable and complete their lessons daily and should be discouraged from congregating in groups. Further details regarding home study will be provided in the event of a closure.

I appreciate that these are worrying times and that you may have concerns about the impact on our community. Advice and guidance can be found at:

- Department for Education Coronavirus Helpline 0800 0468687
- [www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/)
- [www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance)
- [www.mind.org.uk/information-support/coronavirus-and-your-wellbeing](http://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/coronavirus-and-your-wellbeing)

Thank you for your continued support during these unprecedented times.

Yours sincerely



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