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Principal - Mr T Beesley

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Dear Parent / Carer

RE: COVID-19 (Coronavirus) – Updated Information and Advice for Parents and Carers

Following on from my letter on Friday, I am writing to update you with respect to our ongoing plans to manage the rapidly changing situation.

Guidance to schools and parents

At the moment, the intention is to keep College open for as long as possible. We are conscious, however, that this may change quickly, and yesterday the Government announced new guidance regarding self-isolation for those displaying symptoms and anyone else living in their household. Government guidance for households with possible Coronavirus infection can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of either a new continuous cough and/or high temperature.

The first two key points in the revised guidance issued yesterday states that:

- if you live alone and you have symptoms of coronavirus illness (COVID-19), however mild, stay at home for 7 days from when your symptoms started
- if you live with others and you or one of them have symptoms of coronavirus, then all household members must stay at home and not leave the house for 14 days. The 14-day period starts from the day when the first person in the house became ill

You can also find guidance for schools and educational settings at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19>

If you need further advice in this respect, please take medical advice by contacting

<https://111.nhs.uk/service/COVID-19/>

College staff are not able to offer medical advice. If you decide to isolate your child at home, please let us know as soon as possible. If we notice students in school with a persistent cough and/or a high temperature, we have set aside a separate room for them to wait while their parents are contacted and asked to take them home. We will authorise absences for students who need to self-isolate.

Staff Absence & Closure of College

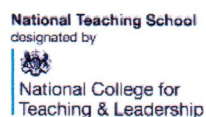
It may be that staff absence levels will increase in the weeks ahead as colleagues are instructed to self-isolate, either because they are ill themselves or because someone in their household has become poorly. While we have processes in place to cover such scenarios, it may be that our resources in this respect will become overstretched. In these circumstances, we may choose to instruct one or more of our year groups to stay at home for a period of time.



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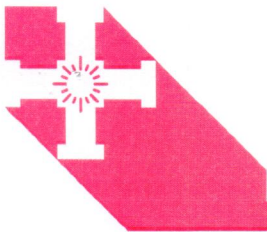


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This will then free up a number of our teaching staff to be redeployed to cover other staff absences. If these actions become necessary, we would prioritise Years 11 & 13 to stay in College for as long as possible. Years 9 & 12 would be chosen to stay at home first, followed by other Year groups if the situation escalates. If any partial closure were to last for an extended period of time, we would look to alternate the Year groups who are at home, so as to give all students the opportunity to attend lessons.

We will, of course, endeavour to communicate with you in advance of any closure, so that you can make any necessary arrangements. **AT THE MOMENT, WE ARE EXPECTING A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF TEACHING STAFF TO BE ABSENT FROM TOMORROW, AND SO UNFORTUNATELY, WE WILL BE CLOSING COLLEGE TO YEARS 9 & 12, FOR THE REMAINDER OF THIS WEEK.** We will keep you updated as we review the situation.

Provision of Work

As I have previously communicated, in order to be prepared for the eventuality of having to close, either wholly or partially, we will ensure that all subjects have meaningful work set through Show My Homework. If students need to self-isolate while the College remains open, they will need to monitor the assignments and lesson materials being posted on Show My Homework and do their best to keep up in this way. Regrettably, it will not be possible for our staff to set work for individual students who are absent from College.

Meetings, Sporting Fixtures & School Trips

All non-essential meetings are cancelled until further notice, including the Year 9 Parents' Consultation Evening, due to take place on Thursday 26th March. This will, hopefully, be re-arranged for a later date. The Year 9 Pathway Evening, due to take place on Tuesday 31st March, is also cancelled, and information will be sent out separately, including a presentation on the College website. Academic reviews will continue as normal, with reports being posted home to parents and students, as calendared.

All interschool fixtures are cancelled until further notice. Decisions about school trips will be communicated separately by the trip leader.

Dining Hall

In the event that our catering staff are unable to come into College, we may be unable to provide hot meals during the College day. We may consequently need to switch to a limited or cold service and/or packed lunches for all students. This might be necessary at very short notice.

We will continue to monitor all of these circumstances very carefully, particularly with respect to government advice regarding expected school actions.

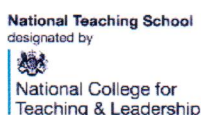
Thank you for your continued support and for your understanding in this matter.

Yours sincerely

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