



16 March 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Further to my email on Friday, I am aware that events are potentially moving fast as we all try to work together to address the Coronavirus situation.

I am aware and hope I have been clear that individual families must be free to make the decisions that are right for themselves and their individual circumstances. These are unusual times.

We await the outcomes of the government's decisions on actions for schools as the Department for Education meet today but it will hopefully give an indication of the planning that might be appropriate for school closures and examination contingency. We are responding, as I am sure you are, to changing circumstances and will try to be as open as possible but please do follow government guidance:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Senior Team and staff will today run through the procedures for school closure and provision for continuing learning should either the decision be taken to close schools or the eventuality that we cannot staff the College due to the impact of illness or self-isolation. We will issue the guidance for these circumstances early this week so that you know what to expect and the methods of communication to watch out for should this happen.

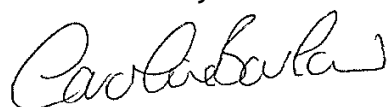
At this stage, staff are busy planning and supporting the vast majority of students in school. I fully understand that those who have chosen to self-isolate at this stage will feel they are missing out on work but it is not reasonable for me to ask staff to send separate work home at the same time as managing lessons in College and considering their emergency planning.

We would urge exam year groups to continue their revision timetables as planned and all students can watch Firefly for the resources and homework set during this week. We are fortunate to be set up in this way that allows for this ease of sharing, which many schools do not have. Students in the Sixth Form in this circumstance who are absent should continue with the normal process of emailing their teachers and the Sixth Form Team directly.



I am sure further information will follow in the next couple of days. We do appreciate that many families are concerned at this stage, we are all finding our way as we seek to manage the changing circumstances and we always work best together when we do so openly and with kindness. Thank you as ever for your patience, I will endeavour to keep you as informed as I am able at this stage.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C Barlow', written in a cursive style.

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Headteacher