

18th March 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Due to an increase in significant staff absence today, we have made the decision to close the school to students in Year 7 and Year 8 from Thursday 19th March 2020.

Why have we chosen these year groups?

We have made the decision to keep Year 5 and Year 6 students in school, in order to support Year 6 with the SATs. This decision also supports the parents of our youngest students in terms of childcare.

How long will this be for?

Unfortunately, we don't know. We will continue to update you on the situation, but it is important you have a plan in place for childcare.

What work is available for students?

We have today sent out a Parentmail with work for those students who are at home in self-isolation. As from Monday 23rd March, the work that staff have prepared for the potential school closure will be available on our website. This work should cover the two weeks of schooling and is designed to meet the number of study hours students have in school. All KS3 students have been issued with a new book today, which they will bring home in order to complete the work set.

What about KS2?

We have created a new timetable for KS2 students which they will begin to follow tomorrow. Students in Year 5 and Year 6 should be in school at the normal time tomorrow with their equipment **and** their PE kit.

What about students in receipt of Free School Meals?

The school will be open from 1:10pm – 1:40pm for all Year 7 and Year 8 students who are eligible for free school meals, if they wish to have a lunch. Please make sure students enter via the Reception and sign in and out.

We will continue to keep you updated as the ongoing situation changes. If you have any queries please email the school office.

Yours sincerely

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