



16 March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Following on from our previous letters, we would like to update you on the school's procedures regarding COVID-19 (Coronavirus).

Recent onset of symptoms

Following on from updated Government advice on 12 March 2020, if your child has a new continuous cough and/or a high temperature we would ask that they do not attend school.

Government guidance advises that anyone presenting these symptoms should not leave home for seven days from when the symptoms started.

Ongoing school actions

As per Government guidance we are remaining open and going about our business, paying extra attention to hygiene around the school.

With the support of the Nova trust we are currently setting up an online learning platform for use should the Government decide that all schools should close. This week we will be training staff on its use and by the end of the week hope to be in a position to demonstrate and test it with students. As a result of the time needed to invest in this preparation, all Enrichment and Extended Study activities for Years 7 – 10 and 12 will be suspended from tomorrow 17 March 2020, until after Easter.

Year 11 and 13 Extended Study sessions will continue given how close we are to GCSEs and A Levels. At this time we fully expect the exam season to go ahead as planned and so students must continue to study and prepare accordingly.

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In line with Government advice we are continuing with school activities and UK trips as currently planned and seek guidance from individual venues and national governing bodies daily to ensure that children and staff are not put at any increased risk.

We are expecting further guidance from the Government tomorrow (17 March 2020) and will keep in contact accordingly.

Thank you for your continued support in this matter.

Yours sincerely

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

Mrs S Paley
Head of School