



SMA

March 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

I would like to take this opportunity to update you on the school's position regarding Coronavirus.

We are following the guidance from Public Health England and the Department of Education and this means that the school will remain open. This is clearly an unprecedented situation and our priority is to reduce our exposure to potential infection in order to protect our entire community and to ensure that we can stay open for teaching and learning.

For the latest guidance relating to COVID-19 (Coronavirus) please click [here](#).

The Department for Health and Social Care has asked anyone who shows certain symptoms to stay at home for 7 days, regardless of whether they have travelled to affected areas. This means people should stay at home and avoid all but essential contact with others for 7 days from the point of displaying mild symptoms, to slow the spread of infection.

The symptoms are:

- A high temperature (37.8 degrees and above)
- A new, continuous cough

Please contact the school to let us know if your child is self isolating as a result of the guidance above. Please also contact us as a matter of urgency to let us know if a child or family member is diagnosed with Coronavirus.

I am mindful that we have some students and staff who have underlying health conditions that could potentially make them more vulnerable than others should they become infected. I am therefore asking for parental support to help us to reduce, wherever possible, the amount of time parents or family members/relatives visit the school.

In order to reduce the potential spread of infection we are taking the following action from **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March until Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2020:**

- All sporting fixtures (home and away) will be cancelled
- All trips and visits will be cancelled. (Our trips to France and Italy scheduled for the next few weeks have been cancelled). Parents will receive refunds in due course.
- All evening school related activities that are not related to school clubs (parents evenings, concerts etc) will be postponed and rescheduled for a later date. For next week, this means the Spring Music Concert on Tuesday and Year 9 Parents' Evening on Thursday are postponed.
- All indoor lettings have been cancelled, including community clubs.

**All school based clubs and activities (before school, lunch time and after school) will run as normal. This also includes revision sessions and, dependent on the situation at the time, our Easter revision sessions.**

I would also ask that any parent who requires to speak with a member of staff does so over the telephone or via email and would ask that parents/carers only come into school if it is absolutely essential. I appreciate that these measures may cause some disappointment or inconvenience but to be able to keep the core business of our school operational we need to try to reduce the risk of infection as much as possible to our staff and students.

The current guidance from OFQUAL states that GCSE and A Level examinations scheduled for the summer term are taking place as originally published and you can find this guidance [here](#). Should this change we will, of course, contact parents.

Our school has contingency plans should the government take the decision to close our school. We will publish these plans should this event arise but would ask now that you take the following steps to ensure that, should this decision be taken, your child is able to access the work set with no disruption (help documents are attached):

- Ensure that they know their log in for Show My Homework
- Ensure that they know their log in details for the school's IT systems
- Ensure they can access their school email

We will be going through these with the students in the coming days to check they have access to these systems and more details are included in this weeks' Parents' Bulletin but please contact Mr Groom on [sgm@boswells-school.com](mailto:sgm@boswells-school.com) should there be any issues.

The guidance to schools may change in the coming days and weeks and we will communicate this with parents should this happen. Please note that we will communicate any update or changes to our operations to you using the usual methods:

- E-Mail (please ensure that [8815416@capita-intouch.co.uk](mailto:8815416@capita-intouch.co.uk) is included in your safe-senders list)
- Website
- Via our Facebook page
- Via our Twitter page

Once again, thank you for your continued support.

Yours Faithfully



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