



COMMUNITY

Corona Virus Update 15: 14th May 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I write to update you following more Government guidance issued around schools. It can be very confusing to establish these updates and I write again to reassure and update you on our actions.

- Secondary schools are to ensure greater focus on Year 10 students to ensure they are prepared for their exams.
- We are to ensure that students that fall into vulnerable groups are to begin to attend when it is safe to do so.

As you will know, we have been one of very few schools that have committed to 'continued learning' throughout the lockdown period through our online platform and a range of other approaches depending on need. Whilst the Government are now asking for a greater online focus on year 10 students, we have been doing this for all.

Now we have a longer-term picture of the expectations placed upon schools, we are now focussing on exploring ways in which we may adapt learning for Year 10 students in order to ensure minimal missed learning opportunities. This will involve increased contact for those who have not engaged with us so far through a range of measures. In addition to this, we are currently making arrangements for appropriate PPE equipment to ensure both students and staff are safe in the longer term. We will continue to publish lessons and projects online and some have requested support to be able to access these - which we have supported. It's great to see students attempting work and communicating with their teachers through Google Classrooms.

My staff will be in contact with key student groups over the coming weeks and further updates will be shared in the same format as we have been doing throughout the lockdown. In the meantime, if you have any questions or require any particular support, please use the main school contact page by [clicking here](#).



I and the Senior Leadership Team are keeping abreast of all national updates/guidance and will be swift in communicating any further updates and changes with you.

Keep learning, keep caring, keep safe.

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