



17th March 2020

Corona Virus Community Update 5

Dear Parents and Carers

Following yesterday's updated guidance, schools now face difficult decisions. With this in mind, I write to assure and update you again on how we are managing this issue.

Staffing

Staffing will be assessed on an hourly basis today and subsequent decisions made. Supply companies are no longer providing staff which causes additional issues. We have already had a number of absences and are making short-term arrangements. This will be assessed at the end of the day and I will update you of any decision made.

Y10 work experience

Our students' safety is our number one priority and as such we have taken the difficult decision to cancel the work experience placements due to take place between the 30th March and 3rd April. Given the current situation and possible escalation of self-isolation guidance given by the government, it would also no longer be feasible for the majority of private companies to host our students at this time. Where possible please can students make direct contact with their placement host to let them know as a matter of courtesy.

External visitors

All events and unarranged visits to school have been cancelled.

France Trip

As you are aware the current government advice is that all school overseas trips are cancelled and France has currently closed its borders. We are in communication with the tour operators with regards to trip cancellation or postponement and will be in touch as soon as we know the options available.

On a final note, I must stress all the hard work and dedication that is currently being demonstrated by staff in this unprecedented situation is vast. I ask that you are understanding in this very difficult situation.

Please refer to my previous Update 4 for information.

Yours faithfully,

Mr D Watkin: Headteacher