



18th March 2020

Corona Virus Community Update 7

Dear Parents and Carers

Following on from my recent letter, I write to update you on the school situation during this difficult time. I have included the arrangements that have been put in place from tomorrow. I and my Senior Leadership Team have been assessing the situation throughout the morning and as you know are running as normal today (18th March).

Based on updated staffing absence today, the school will be closed for years 9 & 10 only from tomorrow (19th March) until 20th April (after the Easter Holidays).

- **As of Thursday 19th March, the school will only be open for Years 7, 8 and 11.**
- Students in Years 9 and 10 will work online using our Google Platform E-Learning.
- Parents were asked in advance to inform the school if there were any issues preventing E-Learning. [Click here](#) to see my correspondence on the 12th March. Please note that Google Classroom can be used on a mobile phone and the App can be downloaded free of charge.
- A specific email contact has been created for parents with technical queries: elarning@newsomehigh.kirklees.sch.uk.

I and my team have worked tirelessly to ensure platforms are in place for continued learning, those students who are absent and the contingencies around a full school closure. I also appreciate that this decision impacts on your own circumstances significantly – something that I and my team wanted to avoid.

I am tremendously sorry for this decision and hope that you understand the rationale behind it, support that we have already put in place and the communications that I hope have been appropriate so far.

Take care of yourselves and your family at this difficult time.

Yours faithfully,

Mr D Watkin: Headteacher