



19th March 2020

Corona Virus Community Update 9

Dear Parents and Carers,

Following on from my recent communication, I write to update you on the arrangements moving forward. Today has been a strange day that has been full of emotion.

- Year 11 students had an awareness assembly of yesterday's Government announcement with open questions to give assurance and clarification - as much as we can. We had a lovely time and staff joined in with their kind words and well-wishes. We assured them that we will give them their proper send-off when the time is right and we also reassured them that they are still a Newsome Student and we are here for them no matter what. They were also told that there is an expectation that they engage with the work that staff are still setting for them and this is important to evidence any predicted grades and a positive attitude to learning. This will also ensure they are prepared for starting the next stage of their education or employment and keeping a routine and learning going - please promote this.
- Years 7 and 8 also had an assembly offering questions and answers and giving another demonstration of how to access their Google Classrooms. Students were delightful in their maturity and level of questioning - please congratulate them for this.
- All students and parents should now be very aware that Newsome High School is operating electronically and teachers are teaching full time preparing resources and delivering education to all our students. This means that we are one of very few schools that are delivering teaching and learning to your children on an online platform - in effect open for all students.
- Those parents that fall into the groups mentioned yesterday have already been contacted and we will continue to work with our families.

THE SCHOOL BUILDING IS CLOSED FOR DEEP CLEANING ON MONDAY, TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY NEXT WEEK

Due to the large number of staff and students that have displayed symptoms, a deep clean will be undertaken on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday next week meaning school is closed for students and staff. Staff will still be working from home and delivering education to your children.

I hope the above is clear and as informative as we can be in this difficult period and I will be in touch with further information through regular letters and texts.

Yours faithfully,
Mr D Watkin: Headteacher