

Monday, 16 March 2020

Dear Parent,

### Late start to school next Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March

Thank you for your continued support in ensuring that your child receives the best education possible under the current circumstances.

We are preparing at school for the possibility of school closure. We want to be able to provide your child with online resources to help them to still make progress. For this reason, we are holding training for staff next Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> from the start of the school day until break time. This means that your child should not come to school until break time next Monday, ready for their period 2 lesson.

#### Absence from school

At a press conference last week, the Prime Minister indicated that the peak of the virus may be 10-14 weeks away. It is therefore vitally important that your child remains at school for as long as possible, as it is highly likely that there will be some disruption to their education at some point.

**Your child must attend school every day unless specifically advised not to do so by a Doctor or by the NHS.** The only other circumstance under which they should be absent from school is if they are displaying the symptoms of a fever (temperature above 37.8 degrees) or a new and continuous cough. Under these circumstances they should self-isolate for seven days. Any other absence will be unauthorised.

#### Access to a computer

In planning for the possibility of a school closure, ensuring that your child has access to a computer is one thing that you can do to support. We are registering students to use Office 365, which means that any computer with an internet connection will enable them to access all resources. A Chromebook, or similar, can be bought cheaply (approximately £100) and will be sufficient for their needs.

Please contact us if you have any concerns.

Yours faithfully,



Peter Jones  
Principal



Katie Gillam  
Principal