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### **Coronavirus Update: Tuesday 17 March 2020**

As you know, all schools are following advice from Public Health England (PHE) and the Department for Education regarding Coronavirus and will not close unless instructed to do so by PHE and the Local Authority. However, due to the new guidance on self-isolation an increasing number of our staff are now not able to work in the school. **For this reason, we are having to make the difficult decision to open for certain groups only and operate as a 'skeleton school' to ensure that we are fulfilling our health and safety obligations.**

As of Wednesday 18 March, the school will be open normal hours for the following students **only**

- Year 7, Year 11, Year 12 & Year 13
- Children of keyworkers in all year groups (NHS, emergency services, school staff, care workers, Social Care etc.)
- Children in all year groups who are eligible for free school meals

**It is important that you let the school know if your child falls in the key worker group as we may not hold this information. Our objective is to keep our school open and working as much as possible to support the wider national effort.**

#### **Home Learning**

All children who are being asked to remain at home are being directed to the school website to complete tasks that have been set on ClassCharts. Further details of how to access this will be sent shortly and can be viewed on the school website under the heading "Remote Learning". We ask parents, where possible to support their children with their learning during school hours. If families are not able to access ClassCharts please contact the school so that paper based resources can be provided.

#### **Helping control the spread of the virus**

Anyone with symptoms should stay at home for at least 7 days.

If someone in your home is showing symptoms, all others in the household should stay at home for at least 14 days, to avoid spreading the infection outside the home.

Any further change to the above arrangements will be communicated via text message and the school website.

Thank you for your continued support for the school at this difficult time.

Yours sincerely,

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