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Dear Parents and Carers

You will now have seen or heard the news about the school closures that was announced by the prime minister this afternoon. Whilst we do not have all the answers at this point and need the next 24 hours to work some things out, I do wish to share with you some of the most prudent elements.

In the next 24 hours, I will be ascertaining which staff are able to work within the College (given their own demands for child care etc), which children will be remaining in school and ensuring that all children, whether working remotely or in school, have access to educational materials. Here is what we do know currently;

- The College will remain closed to Year 12 students tomorrow and Friday and I regret to inform you that this is now extended to include Year 13, due to staffing constraints.
- The College will close to the majority of students from Monday onwards. There is an indefinite time period to this and we will rely on government advice as to when we reopen to all students.
- The College will remain open to any children identified as vulnerable, to include those with an EHCP and those students whose parents work in nominated services (this guidance will be released by the government tomorrow and we will act on collecting this information as soon as we receive it.)
- All examinations, both A level and GCSEs have been cancelled. It is especially prudent that Year 11s, if they are fit and well, attend their mock examinations over the next two days. This is especially important as the exam boards are likely to collect predicted grades, for which the mocks will provide evidence of.
- The government are asking that schools remain open over the Easter holidays for the purpose of continued support of local services. Staff dependant, we are committed to providing this.
- Canteen staff will be to provide lunches as normal to students who remain on site.

These are the most terrible of times and I would like to extend a thank you to the staff, students and families that have this week maintained a positive attitude, worn a smile on faces and remained good humoured. I feel desperately sorry for our students who have worked tremendously hard towards GCSE and A level exams that will now not happen, the celebrations of a school life completed that may now be delayed and the loss of opportunities, such as our ski trip and our enhanced challenge week this summer. I thank you all for the positive messages of support we have received. During this difficult time, it has been greatly appreciated.



We have recently shared with you our guidance and tools to support distance learning. We have been collating some physical materials also and these will be given to students on Friday. Please let us know if you struggle to access resources electronically and we will ensure you have means to support the continued learning of your children at home.

I will continue to keep you updated with every development as we get them. Stay safe and healthy

Best Wishes

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Wendy Ainsworth'.

Wendy Ainsworth