

Dormers Wells High School

MATHS AND COMPUTING SPECIALIST SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Coronavirus update

I would like to update parents/carers following this evening's announcement from the Prime Minister: if anyone has a cough or fever then the whole household must isolate for fourteen days. If this affects your household it is imperative that your child does not attend school during this time. Parents/carers should communicate the specific reason when reporting the absence. Staff have been told that, should any student show symptoms of a fever and/or continuous cough, the student should be isolated and parents/guardians will be expected to collect them promptly.

The school will be open as usual on Wednesday 18th March 2020. However, as the week progresses, it is likely that the school will have higher than typical staff absence and therefore a partial closure for students may have to be considered in the near future. Examination groups will be given priority and I will notify parents/guardians in advance of any such decision.

More information on resources and remote learning will be shared over the coming days.

The government advice continues to promote the importance of handwashing and the premises team will ensure the school remains thoroughly cleaned. The most up-to-date government advice can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public> or for specific advice, call the helpline set up by the DfE to answer questions from students, parents/guardians and staff: 0800 046 8687.

Given the potential for disruption, I trust parents/guardians will appreciate that staff must prioritise teaching and learning in the classroom. I have cancelled all trips, postponed parents evening and we are minimising face-to-face meetings with external groups.

I would like to thank parents/carers for their continued support during these unprecedented times. I am conscious that the situation is changing daily and I will continue to update parents/carers on a regular basis throughout the week.

Yours faithfully,

Ms R Walsh
Headteacher



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