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Dear Parents/Carers,

As you are aware, the situation around the Coronavirus is constantly changing. We would like to thank everyone for their sensible and positive approach so far. At this point in time, the government are not advising schools to close. We are following Department for Education and Public Health England guidance on the wider aspects of school life, such as school trips and you will be aware that these have been cancelled or postponed. However, we have been planning for pupils' education in the event that we are advised to close the school. Pupils will be expected to access learning remotely and this will involve teachers providing resources and setting work for students to complete online via Google Classroom and epraise. We have also provided a list of useful websites to support remote learning if required which are signposted on the home page of our school website.

### To prepare with your daughter/son

Please talk to your daughter/son, particularly those in Year 11 and Sixth Form to ensure that they have access to relevant folders, exercise books and revision guides at home. All students have access to Google Classroom and epraise, and all subjects use these. Where individual subject areas use specialist sites, students will also be reminded of those details. Please be aware that staff will prioritise the marking of assessments and work submitted by years 11-13 who all have public exams.

### Public Examinations

The Office for Qualifications (Ofqual), is advising that public examinations will go ahead and that schools are to continue to prepare students for these. We will continue to follow the guidance from Ofqual and the exam boards. Students are fully aware of the revision they need to do and this will obviously form the basis for learning both while we are open and in the event of closure. We are aware that there are practical exams coming up soon and will keep you updated in relation to arrangements for these.

### Communication

Please check for text messages, emails, the school website and school twitter feed, all of which will be regularly updated. Parentmail/text will continue to be our key channel of communication and school closures may also be communicated via text. **Please make sure your contact information is up to date on Parentmail.**

### Latest Advice from Public Health England

The advice regarding self-isolation is constantly changing. Please follow the link below for the detailed information from the government.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/coronavirus-covid-19-list-of-guidance>

Please be assured that any decision regarding school closure or partial closure, will be taken following expert advice and in the best interest of the students and staff. Finally, please talk to your son or daughter to reassure them. It is important to be prepared but not to panic; regular hand washing and catching any sneezes is the most important prevention right now.

We thank you for your continued support and hope that you all stay safe and well.

Yours sincerely,

**Sue Pryor (Mrs)**  
Headteacher

