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Mascalls statement on Coronavirus

I would like to take this opportunity to thank parents and carers for their support in what is proving to be the most challenging public health crisis in modern history. The guidance from government is constantly changing but I would like to assure you that as long as we are allowed and are able, the school will remain open.

Naturally at this time as the restrictions on movement and social interaction become more stringent, parents will be looking to follow advice that will protect their children and families, particularly those identified as vulnerable. Mascalls will support your decision making and will authorise the absence. Please follow the latest guidance on self-isolation, students who are isolating with their families should not be seen in public places at any time of the day, night or weekend. Please also note that at this stage self-isolation is currently for a 14-day period and potentially more following any further changes made by the government.

As a result of a potential increase in student absence we will try our best to ensure work is made available whilst also teaching students who are still attending the academy. There are a number of online resources that we would recommend in addition to help support your time in isolation whilst waiting for work to arrive, including:

www.senecalearning.com

www.doddlelearn.co.uk

<https://hegartymaths.com>

The advice would be to attempt to follow as much of the school timetable as possible, these websites are available on computers and on mobile devices.

In the event of a school closure, our staff have set up and resourced an entire digital school structure for online learning which will go live in the event of a closure. We have instructional videos and other guidance ready. This will be emailed to all parents at the appropriate time.

In school, our current precautions continue as highlighted in my previous correspondence. But as a reminder:



All meetings with external visitors will be cancelled unless it is directly related to the health and safety of students. No parental meetings will therefore take place in person unless absolutely essential.

Fingerprint ID in the school canteen has already been disabled, students are now identifying verbally. Please keep an eye on SCOPAY account expenditure.

Water fountains have been disabled – please ensure that your son/daughter is sent to school with water or funds to purchase in the school canteen, naturally we will not allow students to go without water. This will be made available if needed, your help however is very much appreciated.

Assemblies are no longer taking place

We have plenty of soap supplies, cleaning staff are continuing monitoring of dispensers. Naturally these are now emptying more quickly, **if students notice an empty dispenser they are to report it to a member of staff who will inform our site team.** There have been cases where students have not reported this, they also form a vital part of our community action. Communal area door handles etc. are being cleaned as frequently as possible.

A number of trips have now been cancelled, those further in the future will also be at risk and you will be informed in due course of any decision.

We are currently looking at alternative arrangements for upcoming parent's evenings and will inform you of any changes as and when appropriate.

In addition, we are now staggering break times to spread the volume of students moving through our canteen area at any one time.

This really is a challenging time for society, each of us with a role to play. Our staff are working tirelessly to ensure we can cater for all eventualities, the health and safety of staff, students, parents and our community are of paramount importance. We ask that you remain in dialogue with us through the normal channels in order to give us the opportunity to respond and that concerns are directed to us and not to social media.

More than ever, your ongoing support is very much appreciated. Please take care.

Yours sincerely



Mr W Monk
Principal