



OLDFIELD SCHOOL

19 March 2020
COVID-19 Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

We continue to respond to the situation the very best we can. The staff have responded brilliantly to the challenge and are delivering the highest quality learning given the circumstances. Your children have shown great maturity and understanding over the last few days; they remain a real privilege to work with.

Before outlining arrangements for tomorrow, I want to update you on the school closure yesterday. We have been informed that the case of COVID -19 that was reported to the school was not the outcome from a positive test, but confirmation from a medical professional of the symptoms. Nevertheless, we have carried out a deep clean of the school as a precautionary measure. Thank you for your understanding over this and responding in such a supportive manner to the short notice given to you.

We are still processing yesterday's announcements from the government and we have written separately to the parents and students in Years 11 and 13. Please find below a summary of arrangements for tomorrow. Please note these have changed from those sent to you earlier in the week.

Friday 20 March

- The school will be open for students in Years 7 and 8. Year 7 will be taught in their normal lessons, Year 8 will be supervised in school to follow the online learning resources that have been published on Show My Homework.
- The school is closed for Year 9 students.
- The school is closed to Year 10 students. We expect that a number of Year 10 students will not have had the opportunity to take all of their exercise books home with them. We will be collating Year 10 students' exercise books and making them available for collection from school, parents will be informed of collection arrangements once this has been completed.
- The school is closed to Year 11 students.
- Lessons are suspended for Year 12 students. They will be able to come to school to collect any resources that they have left in school.
- The school is closed to Year 13 students.

Other information

Students have been given advice on how to continue their learning and maintain their well-being in the event of school closure. We have provided contact details if they require support (see the attachment for the advice given). We will begin our comprehensive home-learning programme on



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Monday 23 March and will issue parents with guidance regarding this. We have carried out an audit in school of those students who will find it difficult to access on-line learning when the school closes and we are preparing packs of work that we can distribute as soon as we possibly can. For the time being these students can go back over prior learning in their exercise books to reinforce knowledge and understanding.

I will continue to write to you on a regular basis to update you on developments and the school's response to these.

Yours faithfully

Steven Mackay