

17th March, 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Coronavirus: partial closure

Government advice regarding self-isolation, and the vulnerability of certain groups of people with pre-existing conditions is resulting in some of our staff now working from home. Please be assured that there are no suspected or confirmed cases of Coronavirus in college.

Due to reduced staffing levels, we have made the difficult decision to ask some of our students to stay at home for the rest of the week.

If your child is in years 8, 9, 10 or year 12, we ask that you keep them at home. We want college to stay open for our examination groups so that these students are properly prepared for GCSE and Level 3 exams next term. We also want to stay open for our youngest students.

Only students in years 7, 11 and 13 should come into college from tomorrow, Wednesday 18th March. We shall make a further announcement on Friday if the situation changes.

Reducing the number of students in college will allow us to continue to teach our examination groups; no decisions have been made by central government regarding examinations next term, so we are assuming that they will go ahead as normal, unless we are told otherwise.

Staff are working hard to put resources online for our students, and we will be in touch with further details of how to access these. Those staff who are working from home are preparing additional resources, both for students in school and for those working from home.

Please support your children as they work from home. We suggest that they work according to the same timetable they would were they in college. This will help them to maintain some normality and regularity in their learning. Students should check their college email addresses regularly for messages from their teachers, and can communicate with staff via email on their college account.

Please check for text messages, news on the website, and on social media for more information.

Thank you for your support at this difficult time.

Yours faithfully,



Dr S R Carson,

Head teacher