

Dear Parents and Carers,

Yesterday, I wrote to you to inform you of the staffing challenges facing our school. Due to this, I have no alternative but to partially close the school to Year 8 and 9 from tomorrow, Thursday 19th March and Friday 20th March in the first instance. This is in order to prioritise teaching staff and ensure GCSE lessons are being taught.

Students in Year 7, 10 and 11 should attend school as normal unless they are self isolating and/or experiencing symptoms of the COVID-19 virus as previously communicated.

We will update you by the end of Friday 20th March with the plans for the following week as all schools are also awaiting a clear directive from the Government with regards to our next steps.

To support teaching and learning at home for Year 8 and 9, students in school today have been given a work pack of materials from their subjects; this reflects the content being delivered this Spring term. We will post home this information to those who are absent.

All students should also check their school email inbox for a document which has necessary login details and suggested websites for all subjects.

They must also make use of the resources and support on Google Classroom that staff have shared with them in recent lessons. If students require help or support completing any aspects of their work, they are able to email their teachers. Contact details for teachers can be found on the school website. They can also contact them through Google Classroom.

As we move to this partial school closure for Year 8 and 9, we recommend the following websites as particularly useful for online, remote learning:

- <https://Senecalearning.com>
- <https://quizlet.com/en-gb>
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>

Further resources can be found on the Homework Help tab on the school website.

We will use the website, school app and twitter to communicate key messages as the situation is changing on a daily basis hence we appreciate your support at this difficult time.

Susan Service

Head teacher