

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Bulletin 13 March 2020

Dear parent/carer

We continue to monitor the coronavirus (COVID-19) situation carefully as it develops and take full account of advice and guidance provided by Public Health England (PHE), City of York Council and other advisory bodies. Below is a summary of the actions we are taking and the preparations we are making for different eventualities:

Self-Isolation: New Advice

We expect staff and students to follow the government's latest advice on self-isolation. That now includes people experiencing symptoms of **fever (high temperature) or a new, persistent cough**, who must stay at home for 7 days.

Visitors

We have introduced a revised visitor policy in which anyone who meets the government's criteria for self-isolation, including parents/carers and other family members, is asked **not to attend the school**.

Hygiene

We are following PHE advice on hygiene by encouraging children and staff to wash their hands regularly and before meal times. We are providing alcohol-based hand sanitiser on the way in to the Dining Room.

Students and other school users are reminded to use tissues to catch coughs and sneezes, throwing tissues in the bin and to avoid touching their face.

Foreign Trips

We will be following the government advice on the cessation of all foreign trips until further notice. We are seeking advice on trips that are already booked and we'll share this information with affected parents and students as soon as we have it.

Planning for closure

At the moment, the advice from PHE is for schools to remain open and for students to continue to attend school unless they are unwell. However, we have drawn up plans to cover the eventuality that the school is either fully or partially closed.

ClassCharts

In the event that the school is to close, we will be setting work for students via ClassCharts. We already use this for setting homework, as it allows students and parents to access resources and class material. Students will be able to log in and access work for all of their subjects. This will be handed in when students return to school. ClassCharts can be accessed via the school website.

Student and Parent log-ins will be re-issued to all students in form time, so please ask your child to share the letter with you in the coming days. If you are unable to access the internet or have difficulty logging in to ClassCharts, please contact the school.

Revision support for Year 11 students

Year 11 students, who are preparing for their GCSE exams, will be given their teacher's school email accounts to ask subject specific questions and get their teacher's support as they revise for their GCSEs. There will also be a wide range of revision materials available via ClassCharts.

GCSE Exams

At the moment, the advice from Ofqual is to prepare for the summer 2020 GCSE exams as normal. We will continue to monitor the situation and plan for different eventualities that may arise.

Useful Links

Further information about the response to COVID-19 can be found via the following links:

CYC information page: www.york.gov.uk/coronavirus

Department for Education (DfE) coronavirus helpline: 0800 046 8687

DfE email helpline: DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk

NHS advice: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>