



18th March 2020

Dear Parent / Carer

I am writing to update you on a number of very important matters relating to the Covid-19 pandemic.

At this time, we have had no confirmed cases within school. We must, however, follow advice and guidance given to us by the government. This means that students and staff who have a new persistent cough or temperature, or live in a house where someone is displaying these symptoms, must self-isolate for a period of 14 days.

As you will be aware, this is a rapidly changing situation and with the increasing numbers of students and staff who are self-isolating, it is becoming increasingly difficult to maintain our teaching commitments for all classes. It is with great regret that I have made the very difficult decision to suspend the timetable for our Year 9 students as of tomorrow. At this time, the usual timetable will remain in place for Years 7, 8, 10 & 11 and these students should attend college as normal.

From Thursday 19th March, we ask that Year 9 students remain at home and access their work via the internet through 'Google Classroom' and other online platforms. If students are unable to access the internet, please contact the College and we will ensure that regular work is made available through alternative means. Guidance on accessing these resources will be shared with all students. Please encourage your child to access these resources so that they do not fall behind with their studies. In addition, your child can contact their teachers by email if they need help. We would ask that, where possible, students email their teachers at the time that they would normally be having that particular lesson. Staff will respond to any queries as soon as they can and within 24 hours.

Students in Year 9 who are entitled to Free School Meals may, by prior arrangement, collect a packed lunch from the College reception area between 12.30pm and 1.00pm. If you would like the catering staff to prepare a packed lunch for your child, you must contact reception by phone or email (info@dentoncommunitycollege.org.uk) by 9.30am that day. This does not apply to students who are self-isolating.

Today every Year 10 student received a pack of work which they will be bringing home tonight. This work is to be completed in the event of a school closure. If a Year 10 student is currently absent or self-isolating, the pack of work will be given to them upon their return, or will be posted home in the event of a closure. The same contingency plan was put in place for Year 11 students on Tuesday 17th March.

These are very difficult and unprecedented times for all of us. I hope that during this period, you and your family members stay safe and are able to remain healthy. Please stay in touch via our website and social media platforms which will be updated regularly.

Thank you for your ongoing support in the education of our young people.

Yours faithfully

Mr G Rule

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G Rule', is positioned below the typed name 'Mr G Rule'.

Headteacher