



Marden High School

Update to Parents - Tuesday 17th March 2020

As you are aware, we are currently able to keep school open and lessons are carrying on as normal. However, there remains the possibility of school closure, either because we are directed to do so by the government or because too many staff are self-isolating or are unwell, in which case it becomes unsafe to open.

With this in mind communication in the event of closure will be as follows:

- Parents and carers will be advised by text
- Information re closure will be on the school website

In the meantime, whilst we stay open, I must reiterate the importance of monitoring your own health and that of your child and them staying at home if you or they show any symptoms of COVID-19. This follows the updated government advice from yesterday that if one person in any household has a persistent cough or fever, everyone living there must stay at home for 14 days.

In particular, you must pay attention to the need to possibly stay at home if you or your child has any underlying health issues. Details on this can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-social-distancing-and-for-vulnerable-people/guidance-on-social-distancing-for-everyone-in-the-uk-and-protecting-older-people-and-vulnerable-adults>

We have now cancelled or postponed many calendared events and meetings either to minimise risk or so that we can focus on the essentials of learning and looking after the children. This will mean that meetings with parents will, for the foreseeable future, be conducted over the phone.

Whilst school is still open, if your child is absent, work will be shared with them by their

teachers. In the event of a closure, work will continue to be shared with all students as I described in my newsletter last week.

Despite any speculation regarding exam arrangements, it is important students continue to prepare for exams taking place in the summer, at the normal time. We will continue to prepare them to do their very best whilst we await a decision on the planning of exams moving forward from the government.

We continue to monitor the situation constantly and to put in place any measures that we need to.

Look after yourselves and thank you for your continued support.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'M. Snape'.

Mr M. Snape
Head Teacher