

Updated advice on coronavirus (COVID-19) – 16/03/2020

S Peter's Collegiate School continues to follow the updated advice issued by Public Health England and GOV. UK

Public Health England guidance continues to **promote basic hygiene practices**, such as regularly washing hands and always **sneezing into a tissue** before putting in a bin, to stem the spread of viruses.

Following the announcement from Government on Thursday 12th March 2020, the latest advice has changed and the country has moved into the '**delay**' phase of planning. The purpose of this phase is to delay the burden on public services and help reduce and delay the peak of the virus in our country. In particular, recommendations are in place to **protect the vulnerable and elderly**.

Government officials have stated that it would **be ineffective to close schools at this stage**. Therefore, it is important that we continue to manage/monitor our school community – and continue to provide education facilities for our students.

To delay the spread of the virus, the Government has asked people **with either 'a high temperature or a new continuous cough' to stay at home for 7 days**. Please see the latest advice on <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus> which has been updated since our last communication.

We recognise that both **students and parents will be concerned about the possible impact of coronavirus on the 2020 summer exam series**. Advice from the Examination Boards is to continue to prepare for exams and other assessments as normal.

We are in regular contact with Ofqual, exam boards, other regulators and the Department for Education who are planning for a range of scenarios.

Our overriding priorities are fairness to students this summer and keeping disruption to a minimum.

Exams start in May, with some BTEC examinations taking place currently. We will issue updated advice if necessary.

Please - Stay at home for 7 days if you have either:

- a high temperature
- a new continuous cough

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We wish all families, parents, staff and students well and remain committed to reducing the impact of this situation on our pupils' educational opportunities, whilst supporting one another to protect the elderly, vulnerable and our community.