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Mission Statemen

'To educate each and every unique child in our care to hear and respond to what God calls them to be'

Coronavirus Information Partial School Closure

Dear Lord, come to the help of your people.

Be our shelter in this time of difficulty and strengthen the bonds of our community.

Bring healing to all who suffer from viruses & diseases and assist those whose skill and art can put an end to this virus. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

How to stay safe





with soap and hot water or use a

sanitiser gel

Coronavirus update School closure to most pupils All pupils to stay at home where possible

Please note that this is a national closure. We will re-open fully as soon as we can and will keep you updated on the school website and via text message.

- Pupils in Years 7 to 10 who do NOT attend school should complete development homework found on the school website.
- Pupils in Year 11 who do NOT attend school should complete examination/revision/coursework/development homework using the materials provided by their subject teachers.
- Packed lunches will be available for collection between 11.45am and 12.15pm for any pupils who do not attend and are entitled to free school meals.

From Monday 23 March 2020, pupils CAN attend school weekdays between 8.50am and 12.00 midday, in full school uniform, if they:

- Have no symptoms
- Are not self-isolating
- Are entitled to Free School Meals
- Have a parent (key worker) who needs to attend work

All pupils who attend school will be provided with a free meal before they leave the site at 12.00pm.

School actions will continue during partial closure

- Proportionate actions in line with the reported level of risk and guidance
- Following the daily advice and updates issued by the Department for Education
- Increasing frequency of cleaning surfaces such as door handles, light switches
- Reducing external visitors to school and postponing trips and visits
- Promoting good hand hygiene and signage around school and in toilets
- Monitoring the health of pupils and staff and liasing with parents if necessary

COVID-19 Update – School closure to most pupils

We have been instructed by the Government to close the school to almost all children <u>from Monday 23</u> March 2020 until further notice.

As advised by the Government, we will do all we can to stay open for the children of key workers (e.g. NHS staff, police, others in frontline services) and children with certain needs.

From Monday 23 March 2020, pupils should **NOT** attend school if they:

- Have a new, continuous cough
- Have a fever (temperature over 37.8C)
- Need to self-isolate
- Can work at home in a safe and supervised environment

Your child's learning is of course important to us, so we will continue to help your child to learn.

- Pupils in Years 7 to 10 who do not attend school should complete Development Homework found on the school website.
- If the Development Homework does not open on Google Chrome, try using Internet Explorer.
- Pupils in Year 11 who do not attend school should complete examination/revision/coursework/
 Development Homework using the materials provided by their subject teachers. This work, plus mock examination results and general pupil progress over the last two years, will be used to provide estimated grades to examination boards.

Pupils can contact teachers about work using their school email addresses.

Parents should contact the school about pupil absence on 0121 554 1825 on week days between 8.00am and 12.00pm.

If your child is entitled to a Free School Meal, they or a family member can collect a packed lunch from school between 11.45am and 12.00pm.

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This is as much as we know right now and we appreciate your continued patience as we deal with this everchanging situation. We understand that this latest news will have an impact on you and your family, so if you would like any guidance please contact the school on 0121 554 1825.

And please remember: if you or your child feels ill and you want to know what to do next, please use NHS
111 online.

Thank you again for your continued support.

K Marston (Headteacher)