

17th March 2020

RE: Coronavirus (Letter 4)

RE: Coronavirus update and potential school closure due to the spread of coronavirus

Dear Parent or Carer,

As the coronavirus (COVID-19) continues to spread and the number of confirmed cases in the UK increases, we are making plans to cover all eventualities.

We take the health and safety of our pupils and staff very seriously, and while there is currently no immediate cause for concern at our school, we will keep you updated with any developments, including whether we will need to close.

Current guidance from the Department for Education (DfE) and Public Health England (PHE) remains that schools stay open; however, it is possible that this advice may change as the rates of infection continue to rise. We have not been provided with any specific advice yet regarding children with complex medical needs. However the updated guidance from the government briefing yesterday strongly advised social distancing for those **individuals with underlying health conditions**. Therefore if you feel your child falls into this category and wish to keep them at home to self-isolate, we will authorize their absence.

Additionally the guidance states that those in a household where someone has a continuous cough and/ or temperature should now **isolate themselves for 14 days**.

In the event that we do close the school, you will be informed via **text message** or **email** and advised on how long we expect the closure to last. Please check that you have provided us with your most up-to-date contact details to ensure you receive any notification regarding a closure. If you need to provide us with new details, please contact the school office on 01642 66 41 40.

Arrangements for a school closure and home learning

We have put a selection of learning links on our website below, please see links

<https://abbeyhillsixth.horizonstrust.org.uk/information-for-students/revision-links>



<https://abbeyhillsixth.horizonstrust.org.uk/our-academy/carers-education-information-advice-and-guidance>

If you require a password for the Lexia or Reading Eggs Program, My Maths, BSKB and the E-Clips careers programme please contact the relevant teachers below

Reading **Emma.Johnson@horizonstrust.org.uk**

BKSB **Paul.Barton@horizonstrust.org.uk**

Maths **Mark.Rhodes@horizonstrust.org.uk**

Careers **Steve.Cropper@horizonstrust.org.uk**

Group 1 students will be supported via the class dojo app. They will be issued with a code to log into their individual student account. They will be able to add and respond to work set in their portfolio.

We have also prepared additional work booklets for the GCSE group preparing to take examinations this summer to complete at home over the period of a closure. GCSE English and Science revision work will be emailed directly to the student school email account and completed electronically. Once tasks have been completed, please return the work to your child's class teacher, whose email details are below.

GCSE English (Group 7)

Paul.Barton@horizonstrust.org.uk

GCSE English (Group 6)

Emma.Johnson@horizonstrust.org.uk

GCSE Science (Group 7)

Paul. Steele@horizonstrust.org.uk

GCSE Science (Group 6)

Maria.Lynch@horizonstrust.org.uk

Additional GCSE revision booklets will also be sent out in the post regarding PSD, English literature and Maths.

In the meantime, we will continue to implement additional health protection measures and follow the relevant advice issued by the Department of Education and Public Health England.

Please note that ***we are not confirming that the school will close*** – but I want to reassure you that if this were to happen, we are fully prepared to ensure that we can support the ongoing education of the students.

Yours sincerely,

Kathryn Thompson
Principal

**Rights Respecting School
Article 3**

***The best interests of the child must be top priority in
all decisions and actions that affect children.***