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17th March 2020

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s)

I am writing with a further update on our position with regards to COVID 19.

We are conscious that extensive media coverage and news of lock-downs across Europe will of course cause concern. We are also aware that experts are telling us that the UK is close to what is described as a fast upswing in numbers. Things are changing rapidly so we are keeping up to date with regular briefings from the DfE and West Sussex County Council.

At present the school remains open with all lessons running as normal, students are settled and working well. We plan to continue to operate as normal for as long as possible. Please note that if staff absence increases, due to illness or enforced isolation, we may have to combine classes to ensure adequate supervision of students.

To ensure the school environment remains safe we are minimising all potential risks. This means that some non-essential school events will be cancelled or postponed. This includes the following:

• Year 11 Parents' Briefing on Wednesday 18th March – we hope to share a video briefing instead, along with our Power Point presentation

- · 'A' level Drama performance on Monday 23rd March
- Key Stage 4 Music concert on Wednesday 25th March
- · iDance on Monday 30th and Tuesday 31st March

We will review future events and activities, due to take place after Easter, once we have a clearer sense of how the Coronavirus and subsequent government action is developing.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind you that we are reinforcing good hygiene with students by:

- encouraging systematic washing of hands throughout the day
- · routinely disinfecting handles and push plates on doors
- · disinfecting surfaces and tables on a daily basis
- · disinfecting Biometric readers and computer keyboards









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Every effort is being made to reduce the transmission of infection.

We ask that families continue to check updated guidance on the action required if students or family members become ill <u>https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/</u>. Unless circumstances meet the descriptors provided we expect to see students in school.

We are preparing for the possibility of the closure of schools, knowing that we are likely to get very short notice if this happens. Further details about how we will support students, if this occurs, will be shared at a later stage.

Yours faithfully

Mr M Brown

Headteacher