

17<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parent / Carer,

### COVID-19 UPDATE

As promised, here is my daily update:

I currently have 7 staff who have started self-isolation for a period of 14 days. I must, therefore, continue with the partial closure of the school and ask that **tomorrow, Years 7 and 8 stay off school**. I will then try to switch years for Thursday and Friday. I review the staffing situation daily, so I will send you another message to confirm Thursday and Friday's arrangements.

Many of you have also asked for confirmation about self-isolation:

The Government's advice and guidelines are very clear: **if you/your child suffer with a temperature and/or continuous cough, the whole of your family should self-isolate for 14 days.**

We have families who have already begun self-isolation, often because they care for a vulnerable and/or at risk member of their family; that is absolutely fine and we respect your decision. Please rest assured that our absolute priority is to ensure the health and safety of all members of our community, alongside our core business of continuing with our teaching and learning programme, to the best of our ability.

Please do support us in ensuring that your child (unless they are unwell of course), logs in to class charts and/or accesses student resources remotely, to continue working at home.

I will be in touch again tomorrow and will obviously keep you updated with any news.

Kindest regards,



**Mrs C Walker**  
**Head of School**

