

Our Ref: DMC/CAS

13<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

**Covid-19**

I am writing to you regarding the current coronavirus situation. We have been carefully following Government advice and have been putting in place appropriate plans and resources.

Following the most recent advice, there is an increasing likelihood that the Covid-19 virus will become more prevalent. In addition, the advice that may come into operation is that people who show signs of respiratory tract infections or a fever will be told to self-isolate to mitigate the spread of the virus. This has the potential to reduce the staff we have available.

Safety is our priority, and it may become necessary to partially close the school for a year group or year groups on a specific day based on the staffing available. We will communicate this daily via our website, after 4pm. Should there be an unexpected significant increase in staff absence overnight, an updated decision may have to be made in the morning and we will update the website and email information home. The provision for students who are sitting public examinations in the summer will be prioritised when planning partial closure of the school.

***Please can all parents who are not currently receiving our emails contact the school to update their email address or provide another method of contact. The email address to use is [sch.517@educ.somerset.gov.uk](mailto:sch.517@educ.somerset.gov.uk)***

In the event of full school closure, teaching staff will provide learning online, through Google Classroom. All students will be expected to complete the tasks set for them at home by their subject teacher. Please check that your child can access Google Classroom using the instruction sheet attached. If there is an issue please contact [HICTSupport@educ.somerset.gov.uk](mailto:HICTSupport@educ.somerset.gov.uk)

We have several trips planned over the coming weeks. At this point we have received no advice to suggest these should not proceed as normal. We will keep this under review, and should the advice change we will review the decision and communicate this to parents.

This is an unique situation, in which I am sure we will all work together to do the very best for our students.

Yours faithfully

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