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Dear Parent/Carer

I would like to take this opportunity to update you on the school's position regarding Coronavirus. We are following the guidance from Public Health England and the Department of Education and this means that the school will remain open. This is clearly an unprecedented situation and our priority is to reduce our exposure to potential infection in order to protect our entire community and to ensure that we can stay open for teaching and learning.

For the latest guidance relating to COVID-19 (Coronavirus) please click [here](#).

The Department for Health and Social Care has asked anyone who shows certain symptoms to stay at home for 7 days, regardless of whether they have travelled to affected areas. This means people should stay at home and avoid all but essential contact with others for 7 days from the point of displaying mild symptoms, to slow the spread of infection.

The symptoms are:

- A high temperature (37.8 degrees and above)
- A new, continuous cough

Please contact the school to let us know if your child is self-isolating as a result of the guidance above. Please also contact us as a matter of urgency to let us know if a child or family member is diagnosed with Coronavirus.

I am mindful that we have some students and staff who have underlying health conditions that could potentially make them more vulnerable than others should they become infected. I am therefore asking for parental support to help us to reduce, wherever possible, the amount of time parents or family members/relatives visit the school.

In order to reduce the potential spread of infection we are taking the following action from **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2020 until 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2020:**

- All sporting fixtures (home and away) will be cancelled – any individual change will be communicated directly
- All trips and visits will be risk assessed and an individual decision will be made as to whether each trip will run. Parents will be informed separately about this.
- All evening school related activities that are not related to school clubs (parents' evenings, concerts etc.) will be postponed and rescheduled for a later date.
- We will limit the number of non-essential visitors to the school.

**All school based clubs and activities (before school, lunch time and after school) will run as normal. This also includes revision sessions and our Easter Revision sessions.**



I would also ask that any parent who requires to speak with a member of staff does so over the telephone or via email and would ask that parents/carers only come into school if it is absolutely essential. I appreciate that these measures may cause some disappointment or inconvenience but to be able to keep the core business of our school operational we need to try to reduce the risk of infection as much as possible to our staff and students.

My priority, therefore, is to ensure the wellbeing of all in our community to enable us to successfully function as a school and continue to deliver an education to our students. Should we find ourselves in the position where we have significant numbers of key staff in self-isolation, then we will consider a range of agreed strategies before closure. These could include a reduced school day and/or year groups being asked to stay at home. We will obviously prioritise the teaching of our exam groups (year 11 and Year 13) and there will be full communication with parents.

The current guidance from OFQUAL states that GCSE and A Level examinations scheduled for the summer term are taking place as originally published and you can find this guidance [here](#). Should this change we will, of course, contact parents.

There is no immediate plan to close schools by the government; however, we have a contingency plan in place should this happen.

We will publish these plans should this event arise but would ask now that you take the following steps to ensure that, should this decision be taken, your child is able to access the work set with no disruption:

- Ensure that they know their log in for Show My Homework
- Ensure they know how to access their school email account @Gmail
- Ensure that they know their log in details for their google classroom, accessed via their school Gmail account
- Ensure that they know their log in details for the school's platforms and resources such as, Doodle, My Maths, PIX and Subject apps
- Their Gmail account also provides access to google hangouts/video conferencing – a perfect medium to stream A level content

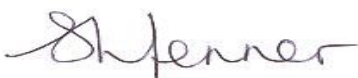
Please contact [mvermaak@rodingvalley.net](mailto:mvermaak@rodingvalley.net) or [plarkin@rodingvalley.net](mailto:plarkin@rodingvalley.net) if you are having any problems regarding log ins.

The guidance to schools may change in the coming days and weeks and we will communicate this with parents should this happen. Please note that we will communicate any update or changes to our operations to you using the usual methods:

- email
- our Website
- via our Twitter page

Once again, thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully



Sharon Jenner  
Headteacher