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Roding Valley  
HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parent / Carer

### Coronavirus arrangements update: Advanced notice of partial closure

Whilst we have been trying to minimise the impact of Coronavirus on our staffing and the normal operations of our school, the updated “stay at home” guidance (see link below) is now having a significant impact on my ability to run the school both safely and securely.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

We have today witnessed a significant increase in the number of staff who are now self-isolating and this trend of reduction of staffing availability is likely to increase, as we head through this week. Reluctantly, we have reached the conclusion that we can no longer keep the school open to all students.

We must therefore reduce the number of students in school. As a result, on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March and Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> March 2020, the school will be closed to students in Years 7, 8 and 9. Students in these year groups must stay at home. Please encourage them to access work via the google classroom and other online platforms that they will be familiar with in school; Doodle and Seneca for example. It is important to try to continue with a routine in these unsettled times. We will endeavour to provide work, but please appreciate our reduced staffing levels.

The staff have already put together the following:

- Google classrooms set up for each subject group containing the lessons and resources
- Generic resources are also available by clicking on this link  
[https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1qbYiHjUq0tFMALtmuykUTYleG-sfsR\\_p](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1qbYiHjUq0tFMALtmuykUTYleG-sfsR_p)

Our current plan is to give priority to students in Years 10 - 13 who are currently preparing for GCSE and A level examinations this summer.



For anyone who this causes an immediate concern, please do contact the school via email [office@rodingvalley.net](mailto:office@rodingvalley.net). I am really sorry that I have had to take this action, but there is no other viable option at this stage.

The school will continue to communicate with parents via email, twitter and the website. Please can all parents check their communication with the school on a daily basis. We will aim to give parents as much notice as possible when further partial closures are planned. We will of course also communicate with you as and when year groups should return to school. Our aim is to give you as much notice as possible

We appreciate that this is a stressful time for everyone and that this current arrangement may present challenges, please be assured that this is not a decision that has been taken lightly. We will of course aim to communicate as quickly as possible to give you time to make arrangements, in the event of a government decision to close schools.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank you for your unwavering support during what is likely to be difficult and challenging weeks for us all.

I wish you all well.

Yours faithfully



Sharon Jenner  
Headteacher

