



Tuesday 17th March 2020

Dear parents/guardians

Following the government press conference yesterday, we have made a number of important adaptations to our working practices.

Extra-curricular activities and after-school events have been postponed or cancelled with immediate effect. This includes all sporting fixtures, clubs and revision sessions. In addition, we ask that all students leave the school site immediately at the end of the school day.

Parents are always welcome in school, but I have asked teachers to conduct as many meetings as possible over the telephone rather than in person.

We continue to liaise with school trip organisers and our travel insurance company about school trips. A clearer picture is slowly emerging and, if your daughter or son is booked on a visit, trip leaders will contact you directly as further information becomes available. Thank you for your patience.

Our cleaners and kitchen staff are updating us regularly about how they are keeping us healthy and safe. They are doing a great job!

The government have also clarified the situation about symptoms and isolation. Please read this new information here: www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/

If your daughter or son is unable to attend school, please inform us on the first day of absence and each day thereafter. We are aware that, following the new guidelines, a number of students are well but unable to attend school because of illness in the household. As a short-term measure, these students can access age-appropriate work here: <https://sites.google.com/danecourt.kent.sch.uk/worklinks> This site is very much a work-in-progress and we'll add more links over the coming days. Of course, we do not expect students who are unwell to work.

On behalf of the whole staff team, I'd like to thank you for your support at this difficult time. Look after yourselves.

Yours sincerely,

Mr M Jones
Head of School