

19th March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

The Government has announced that all schools must close from **this Friday, March 20th, until further notice** to help stop the spread of Coronavirus.

As part of its announcement about schools, the Government also said that;

- Exams will not take place in May and June
- Schools will be open to help support the children of key workers and for vulnerable students
- Provision for food will be made for students who qualify for Free School Meals

We expect further details on how we can implement these measures in the coming days and will liaise closely with the Department for Education to ensure that we support our key worker parents and vulnerable students in the best way we can.

Our other key aim is to ensure and maintain as much stability for the students' education as possible and we have been planning for this outcome. Whilst it is not possible to fully replicate the educational experience at home, we have been working hard to put in place contingency plans to ensure students can still access their learning and teachers are able to support them with it. Learning will be set and shared through the INA website. There is a link to it on the front page of the website:

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

After school enrichment and intervention will stop from (and including) 18th March due to unprecedented levels of staff absence.

The Government is now providing daily updates on the steps it is taking to help fight Coronavirus and has said that schools are to remain open. We want to keep the school open for all students for as long as possible whilst government guidance still allows this. We are working hard as a school community to maintain as much stability for the students' education as possible.

However, there are a number of logistical and staffing issues which now make this challenging on a whole school basis. **We have, therefore, decided to close the school for Year 9 and Year 12 from Thursday 19th March 2020 until further notice.** We will update you as we receive further information from the Government.

You can view the latest correspondence from Ms Spencer, Interim Principal, here:

[Year 9 Partial School Closure - 18th March 2020](#)

[Year 12 Partial School Closure - 18th March 2020](#)

[Letter to Parents - 17th March 2020](#)

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[Student Learning](#)



Some secondary subjects will use web-based platforms such as Edmodo, Google Classroom and MyMaths that enable teachers to review students' completion of the learning. This will be made clear in the subject One Pagers which provide an outline of the learning and resources for each lesson. We have provided a Guide for Parents on how to support their child's learning, also available on the website.

While schools are closed, we should all continue to follow health guidance.

Find out how to protect yourself here: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

For further information on the government response, please visit: <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Please also see the Parent Leaflet 'How to Stay Healthy at Home' available on the school website. We will continue to update you on any developments via email/text and with regular updates on the school website.

This is an unsettling and disruptive time for everyone and we will work together as a school and local community to face the challenging times ahead. Thank you for your support and understanding during these exceptional circumstances. If we can do anything more to help your family, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards,

Jo Spencer
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