

Hayle Academy

17 March 2020

Dear Parents/ Carers

Further to our previous emails, I am contacting all parents and carers to provide updated information about the school's plans to manage the risk of Coronavirus infection over coming months. Following updated guidance from the DfE, we will be stepping up our efforts to ensure students wash their hands regularly and thoroughly during the school day. Students with a new, persistent cough or a fever should self-isolate for 14 days and must not return to school during this period. The same applies to any student where these symptoms appear in their household. If students are unwell with these symptoms in school, we will contact parents to collect them and would ask for your support in ensuring that students with these symptoms are not sent to school and are collected promptly if needed.

Students who are required to self-isolate for a period of 14 days following advice from Public Health England, are expected to complete their homework that is set through Show My Homework. They can also access any of the other online packages that the school provides and would be expected to complete set work for when they return to school. Teachers will, of course, support them to do this.

In addition, we have brought in new restrictions today to reduce visitors to the school site. Non-essential staff training has been postponed and all meetings will take place by phone or email where possible. This includes meetings with parents which will be done by phone call if at all possible. In addition, we are postponing our planned parent evenings for the remainder of this term and will provide confirmation of rescheduled dates when we can. Parents with urgent queries about their child's education should contact the relevant teacher or member of the pastoral team either by phone or email.

We are also cancelling all sports fixtures and after school clubs for the time being with the exception of Y11 after school study classes which will continue to run.

Currently 9 members of our teaching staff are absent. We are continuing to run all classes today but this may have to change if we have further staff absence. We may soon need to begin joining classes together or asking certain year groups to stay at home. If we need to partially close because of staff absence, we will prioritise Year 7 and 11 classes to protect exam preparation and provide supervision for our youngest students. The remaining Year groups will be prioritised in this order: Year 8, Year 10 and Year 9. I would therefore ask parents with children in Year 9 to ensure they have arrangements in place for their children as this year group is most likely to be affected if we are forced to partially close. I will keep parents fully updated on any decisions and would like to reassure you that if at all possible we will remain open to our students.

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If the school is forced to close (by the DfE or Public Health England, or if we do not have enough healthy staff to be able to remain open) then teachers will set work for their classes. Our plans to be able to continue to set work for students, during any period of disruption, are reliant on students having access to their online learning accounts: this includes Show My Homework, as well as subject specific programmes like those used in Maths and Science. Parents without reliable online access for their children are asked to inform the school by emailing enquiries@hayleacademy.net or by contacting our reception team on 01736 753009. We will keep a list of students for whom we need to provide alternative resources. Parents are advised that it will be more difficult for us to provide work without online access and that we may have to provide different activities and resources if students cannot get access to their online accounts from home.

If the school closes as a preventative measure, teachers will continue to work from home (providing they are well enough to do so), and will therefore be able to set and mark work for their classes. Teachers of Maths, English, Science, Geography, History, French and Spanish will continue to set work through any period of school closure, as will option subject teachers for examination classes. We hope parents will understand why teachers of other subjects, which require specialist equipment (such as KS3 art, music, drama and PE) may not be able to set work if the school has to close.

Along with senior leaders in the school, I will keep parents fully updated about our management plans and would like to thank parents, in advance, for their ongoing support. Our priorities remain, as always, the safety and wellbeing of our students and the highest quality of education provision. I would like to thank all our parents for their continued support and understanding.

Yours faithfully

Mr D Mather
Head of School

