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Dear Families

Adaptation to Education Continuity Plans

As with the national picture our own management of the current situation needs constant review and response.

Since I wrote to you yesterday we have an increased number of staff who are following government and public health England advice and are now required to self-isolate or self-shield.

This week we have collapsed some classes and amalgamated groups in order to run the timetable but looking ahead, taking in to consideration the rate that illness and possible symptoms are presenting themselves it is not possible to maintain the full educational provision.

With effect from tomorrow Thursday 19 March **Year 9 students** will move to on-line study at home, as per the continuity plan I shared with you last week, and **should not attend school**. This will be until further notice.

In the next day or so staff will begin to upload work to the Show My Homework platform for students to complete. This will also include full instructions and resources needed. Please refer back to my letter of 13 March (also available on our website) should you need to remind yourself of the detail behind the whole continuity plan.

All school closures have an impact on families and subsequently employers and this decision has not been made lightly. In selecting year 9 to be the initial part of our continuity plan we aim to prevent child care issues for families with children in year 7 and 8, unable to leave children alone and also to protect the education of those in examination year groups. In making the decision today we will afford you at least some planning time rather than have to make the decision tomorrow morning if the start of the day shows a worsened picture.

If you are member of staff in the emergency services or work for the NHS (or in a role associated to providing health and well-being to the community) and cannot manage the impact of this situation please get in touch so we can discuss if and how we can help.

If the current pattern of disruption continues it is likely that we will have to review our arrangements again and extend on-line learning at home to other groups of students. Please check your email regularly for updates.

Mrs Barker, Head of School will be in touch tomorrow with more details of expectations and how we will be supporting students working at home.

Thank you for your ongoing support at this unsettling time. We remain committed to doing the very best we can for you and your child.

Yours sincerely

Daniel Hatley
Executive Principal