



THE STONEHENGE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers

I wanted to write to you with an update from The Stonehenge School regarding our approach so far in relation to the ever-changing situation around COVID-19.

We are closely following the advice and updates that are being provided by The Government and Public Health England, and we continue to take all the necessary safeguards around handwashing and personal hygiene, as well as following the advice around those who have visited Category 1 and Category 2 countries. We are also receiving regular updates and information from the Local Authority which are informing our actions.

The following link provides information on the latest guidance:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public>

Current advice to schools from Public Health England stipulates that the decision regarding a school closure will be made following by PHE should positive cases be tested within the school population, and after risk assessments of the establishment. If you suspect that you or your child are unwell with Coronavirus, you should contact 111.

We are working towards plans for a range of scenarios. If government advice changes it may cause staff or students to self-isolate. If this occurs we may need to take action that is short of a full closure, meaning that some year groups may need to work from home for a period of time.

In order to prepare for what may be about to come, there are a number of measures that we are taking in addition to those outlined above:

- We have ensured that all our systems for school closure, should we be directed to do this, are in place. Text messages and emails will be sent to notify parents and a message will appear on the school website.
- We have ensured that all our online learning platforms are up to speed and ready should we need to be setting work for pupils remotely. The main one will be 'Show My Homework' so we do recommend you check that all your usernames are working, and if they aren't please let your child's tutor know via your child and we will help to sort.



- Pupils have access to online learning platforms, such as Tassomai (all years), Bedrock (years 7, 8, and 9), GCSEpod (years 9, 10 and 11), Seneca (all years), and may other websites. Please refer to the attached list of online learning programmes and sites that we use across the curriculum and key stages.
- We are placing priority on making certain that all content for exam subjects in Year 11 (and where relevant in Year 10), is covered and prepared for appropriately.
- We have increased communication with the Exam Boards so that we gather reassurances that no student would be in any way disadvantaged within the up and coming exam season. Clear advice will be given to all schools across the country and we would keep in close contact with all students affected.
- If internet or IT access is a problem we will endeavour to provide work that is paper or book based.

As a school, we believe that we are prepared should The Government move to a higher phase with its plans to contain the virus.

Yours sincerely

Mr N Roper.

