

Dear Parent/Carer,

16<sup>th</sup> March 2020

## COVID-19

As the national situation develops rapidly, we are continuing to follow DfE and Public Health England advice, whilst also trying to take decisions that are in the best interests of our communities. We are trying to chart a course that reconciles our duty to keep schools open with our responsibility to promote social distancing. Schools across Education South West are taking the following steps:

- Planned parents' evenings for the rest of this term are cancelled. **This includes the Primary Parents' Evenings on Tuesday and Wednesday and Y11 PPE Results Evening on Wednesday which were scheduled for this week.**
- All sports fixtures are cancelled until further notice. **This includes the three 'Away' matches (basketball and football) which were scheduled for this week.**
- A decision on whether or not to run trips that have been scheduled after May half term will be taken and communicated during the first week back after the Easter break. Although our insurers have not given us a guarantee, we are optimistic that payments for any cancelled trips will be refunded. Trips that are scheduled before then will take place as planned unless otherwise notified.
- All practical and other external exams will take place unless we are notified otherwise by exam boards.
- If your child is unwell with a new, continuous cough or high temperature, please ensure that they stay at home in order to avoid spreading infection to others. Otherwise, they should attend school as normal.
- The advice issued today is that this also applies to anyone in the family. So, if your child lives with anyone who develops such a cough or temperature, they should stay at home for 14 days.
- If a child becomes unwell at school with a new, continuous cough or high temperature we will contact you in order to arrange for their collection as soon as possible.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch should you have concerns about your child.

Many thanks for your support in helping us through these difficult circumstances.

Yours sincerely,



**Tina Graham**  
Principal