

KDS/JSS

13 March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

Due to the current health situation regarding the coronavirus, we have decided to take proactive measures to limit the risk of infection within our school community. The Government have announced they will no longer be testing people who are potentially infected and are advising self-isolation, therefore we are taking the following measures:-

- The school will not open until 8.00am each morning, to restrict the amount of time
 we have large numbers of pupils and staff in school. Please do not arrive before as
 access will not be permitted. Breakfast Club will continue to run between 8.008.30am each day.
- All students and staff will be required to leave the building by 4.30pm each day.
- The school production of Grease will be postponed until we can find a suitable alternative date and the health crisis has ceased.
- Year 11 Revision Evening on 24th March postponed.
- Year 9 Parents' Evening on 2nd April postponed.
- Place to Learn will cease as of today until further notice.
- After School Clubs and sports fixtures, including Panantical and Community groups will be cancelled as of today until 26th April, when it will be reviewed.
- Enhancements will continue as normal until 4.00pm. There will be an update regarding Easter revision sessions before the end of term.
- We will be closing the school on Friday evenings until Monday morning and will be switching off the heating system, in an attempt to kill any bacteria and stop its growth, as it has been advised the virus should not spread in a cold environment.
 Due to the heating being switched on at 6.00am on Monday morning for the next few weeks it may be cold in the building, so make sure your child has a jumper or cardigan to keep them warm until the building heats up.
- The toilets on both campuses are being stocked fully with soap and there are hand dryers, regular hand washing is encouraged. Regular checks are being carried out and increased.

For your information we have instructed our cleaning company to use stronger antibacterial products, which due to shortages, will not be available until Friday 20th at the earliest. We ordered hand sanitiser three weeks ago from our suppliers but there is no stock available at present, hence we are running short of supplies, which has an impact in school.



The PGL Sports Weekend on 20-22 March and the D of E Silver Practice on 3-5 April will both go ahead unless we receive conflicting advice and we will let you know as soon as possible should this occur.

All potential trips, foreign or otherwise, that may be in the planning stages for the near future, will not go ahead until we are advised it is safe. We will be in touch separately if this affects you.

If your child has a new persistent cough, is finding it difficult to breathe or has a high temperature, or a combination of these symptoms, please keep them off school for a minimum of 7 days and make sure you inform the school so we can monitor any potential risk.

If we have staff that become ill and who decide to self-isolate, it may be that we will have to stop selected students from coming into school. We are already planning for this and work will be available on GoogleClassroom and on ClassCharts, along with necessary resources that students can access from home.

If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school. Any absence from school should be reported to our Attendance Officer as usual, jane.cole@crestwood.hants.sch.uk and any symptoms that require your child to be absent from school should be reported to Anji Hinton, School Matron, on anji.hinton@crestwood.hants.sch.uk or by phoning the school.

Thank you for your continued support. We hope that these measures will be temporary and everything will return to normal as quickly as possible. In the meantime, we hope that everyone stays healthy.

Yours sincerely

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