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Dear Parents and Carers,

Coronavirus Update - 16th March

As we continue to monitor the situation with COVID-19 I have taken the decision to **cancel our Year 9 Options Evening on Wednesday evening**. The health and safety of our students, staff and families is paramount, therefore we are assessing the viability of each planned event in an effort to mitigate the spread of this virus.

With this in mind, we are also suspending assemblies and delivering key messages via form tutorials. **The Year 8 Parents Evening scheduled for the 30th March will also be postponed**. We will aim to reschedule this event for the summer term. If you have any particular concerns regarding the progress of your child, please contact your child's form tutor or subject teacher who will be happy to have a phone conversation with you.

Year 9 Options

We will post an information pack regarding the Options process to the parents of all Year 9 children. We encourage you and your child to take the time to familiarise yourself with the subjects on offer and the supporting guidance on how to complete the options form.

A dedicated email address has been set up for any queries relating to the options process this year. The email address is options2020@acle.norfolk.sch.uk

We will aim to respond to any options related queries within 24 hours of receiving them. Please be advised that this is a temporary email which will cease on Tuesday 24th March, once the options deadline has passed. Before emailing any questions please check that your question is not answered in the 'frequently asked questions' section of the options booklet.

The Options process presentation will be available on the new website in the following location:

Learning > Year 9 Options Process 2020

Completed options forms should be handed in to the school office by Friday 20th March 2020.

Self-isolation

I am aware that a number of families have children who are self-isolating at present. The Government advice is that anyone who has a **temperature above 37.8C** or a **persistent cough** should self-isolate for seven days.

Any absence due to this illness will be authorised.

If your child is not ill, but is absent from school, the absence will not be authorised. We cannot make this decision for you, but advise you to check the 111 website if you need any specific or further advice.

Students that have a member of their household who are self-isolating are not presently required to self-isolate unless they display symptoms themselves.

We are unable to provide individual work for children who are self-isolating at present. If we move to a partial school closure or full school closure, we will be able to provide work via ClassCharts.

There are number of useful websites that students may wish to use when self-isolating:

- Seneca learning (free online resource) <https://www.senecalearning.com/>
- www.twinkl.co.uk/offer - enter the code UKTWINKLHELPS
- For languages - <https://www.memrise.com/>
- BBC Bitesize
- MyMaths
- <https://studywise.co.uk/>
- quizlet.com
- YouTube - Mr Bruff covers all aspects of English and English Literature; Hegarty Maths; Free Science Lessons
- revisionworld.com

Self-isolation NHS advice

- Try to keep two metres (three steps) away from other people - especially older people or those with long-term health conditions
- Make sure any room you are in is well ventilated
- Ask friends and family and delivery services to deliver food and medicine - but avoid contact with them
- Sleep alone if possible
- Wash your hands with soap and warm water for 20 seconds on a regular basis
- Don't have visitors and ask people to leave deliveries outside
- Don't leave the house, even just for a walk
- Use separate facilities where possible. If sharing, these should be cleaned before use by others
- Use separate household items like towels, bedding, toothbrushes, cups and dishes
- Try to keep away from your pets. If you can't avoid it, wash your hands before and after contact

- You do not need to call NHS 111 to go into self-isolation. If your symptoms worsen during home isolation or are no better after 7 days, contact [NHS 111 online](#). If you have no internet access, call NHS 111. For a medical emergency dial 999

We will be monitoring the situation daily and will aim to notify parents if we need to make any adjustments to our school provision. If the school needs to enforce a partial closure, the following provision would apply:

Monday- Year 11, Year 10, Year 7

Tuesday- Year 8 and Year 9

Wednesday- Year 11, Year 10, Year 7

Thursday- Year 8 and Year 9

Friday- Year 11, Year 10, Year 7

All notifications will be made via our main school website, Facebook, parent emails and the Norfolk school closures site. Any announcement that may affect the day-to-day running of the school will be made by 8:00am at the very latest. With this in mind, we are asking all parents to please notify the school if your email address or phone number has changed. Please email the school office with any changes to your contact details at info@acle.norfolk.sch.uk

If you have any questions about COVID-19, related to education, the Department For Education helpline is 0800 046 8687. Alternatively email DFEcoronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk

We appreciate your support at this challenging time. We will continue to follow the advice from PHE and central government and will inform you of any changes as they occur.

With best wishes,



Helen Watts