



Alderman Peel High School

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Dear Parent / Carer

I would like to start by thanking you all for your vigilant, calm and rational approach to the Coronavirus outbreak. As adults the approach we take will be mirrored by children. The school continues to be guided on a daily basis by expert advice from the Government and Public Health England.

Current precautions within school include encouraging staff and students to focus on hygiene, in particular washing their hands when they arrive at school, frequently during the day and when they get home. All classrooms have tissues readily available and soap dispensers in toilets are checked twice daily. An alcohol based sanitizer is used in the dining room when students use the finger scan to access our cashless catering system and pupils have all been shown a video on how to wash their hands correctly. We have kept in touch with any families who have travelled from abroad to ensure the correct advice is followed.

We have no confirmed or suspected cases of coronavirus and current advice states there is no requirement for students to be kept off school with coughs or colds. Should you have any concerns about your child's symptoms please call the NHS 111 number for advice.

We are aware that the government are meeting today as we move into the "delay" phase. This could have consequences for schools and the wider public.

We are developing contingency plans for all scenarios and will communicate plans as they are required via email, text and our school website. For example if schools are told to close for a period of time students will receive work from their teachers via Google Classroom or Classcharts. There is also a great deal of work available via different subject specific platforms such as Kerboodle, GCSE Pod and MathsWhizz. All parents and students will have reminders of how to access these emailed to them. Paper copies of work will be posted to those pupils who cannot access work online.

At this stage school remains open and students are expected to attend as normal. Closing the school will only happen if we are instructed or advised to do so.

The Department for Education have provided the following information for students and their families who are preparing for exams:

Exam preparation and Ofqual advice

We recognise that students, parents, schools and colleges will be concerned about the possible impact of coronavirus on the 2020 summer exam series. Ofqual's advice at this time is to continue to prepare for exams and other assessments as normal.

Ofqual continues to work closely with exam boards, other regulators and the Department for Education to plan for a range of scenarios, as the public would expect. Our overriding priorities are fairness to students this summer and keeping disruption to a minimum.

It is still many weeks until exams start and we will issue updated advice if necessary, giving schools and colleges as much notice as possible.

The latest updates from Ofqual can be found here:

- <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/updated-statement-on-coronavirus>

Once again, thank you for your calm and rational approach. In order to ensure you receive all messages please check and update email addresses and / or telephone numbers via the Gateway App or email us of any changes as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely

Alastair Ogle
Principal