



# Bishop Stopford's School

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18<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

## Re: COVID-19

You will be aware of the growing impact of the COVID 19 virus upon our nation and in turn the impact this is having upon Bishop Stopford's School and our community. To date, we have been able to maintain educational provision for all of our students, but with an increase in the number of people reporting symptoms nationally and the Government publishing new guidance on containment and social distancing, it will not be possible for us to remain open for all.

I have been keeping the impact of Coronavirus on the staffing situation under close scrutiny with my leadership team and have now decided the plan for the next few days. I have based this on the most up to date guidance, but the situation is changing all the time. Please bear with me if the plan changes and evolves over the coming days.

Due to the level of staff absence that I am aware of today, it will be necessary to close the school for years 7, 8 and 9 as of tomorrow 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2020, until further notice. **The school will remain open for all students in years 10, 11, 12, and 13.**

The decision to partially close the school has not been taken lightly and on this occasion, we have prioritised the attendance of those students studying exam courses. I am aware that the students in these year groups need to maintain access to teachers and school resources currently.

English, maths and science work packs for students in year 7, 8 and 9 can be found on the school's website. Further materials will be provided in due course to ensure that your child can continue to fully focus on their studies whilst at home.

I will continue to review the situation on a daily basis, and will, if possible, bring year groups back into school if timetable and staffing levels permit.

Thank you for your support and understanding at this very challenging time. We will do everything in our power to support our community.

Yours faithfully

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Headteacher

