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Our Ref/SKE/SWO

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Dear Parents/Carers,

As the guidance and advice regarding our response to the Coronavirus outbreak continue to evolve, we are working to ensure that you are kept up-to-date with the latest developments within school.

Hopefully, the details outlined below will provide some reassurance. These decisions have been made based on current government guidance and may change as and when we receive additional instructions. We will continue to assess our own school circumstances as an ongoing priority and inform staff, students and parents as we do.

There has been a substantial increase in the number of staff and students who are being forced to self-isolate. As a consequence, the remaining staff in school are working at full capacity, and we are unable to provide individual work for those students who are currently at home. Please encourage your children to make the best use of online resources. Should there be a full school closure, the plan outlined in our previous email will be enacted.

Please be aware that we are forced to send children home if they are suffering from any of the symptoms of Coronavirus, this includes a cough or fever.

Adjusted arrangements:

- Canteen at break - students will use their surname instead of thumbprints. Please be aware that this may slow down service and you may, therefore, wish to provide your children with a snack from home if they are usually hungry by break time.
- Lunch - Those on first sitting (KS3) will be brought down in groups to ensure that they have washed their hands. The remaining year groups will wash their hands before entering the dining room. The Year group on first lunch sitting will finish Period 3 lessons from 12:05 pm to wash hands.
- Sponsored events due to take place on 23/3/20 will continue with some modifications. Staff have been asked to plan for this change and further information will be provided.



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- We are conscious of the impact that any potential school closure could have on all our families. In the event of a school closure, the school will issue foodbank vouchers to all our students who are in receipt of free school meals.

Cancelled events:

- All Saints York fashion show - Hilton York (23/03/20).
 - Careers event (23/03/20) - adjusted arrangements to be made.
 - Dance showcase (24/03/20).
 - PTFA Quiz (27/03/20).
 - Textiles trip to York Castle Museum (27/03/20).
 - Lourdes wheelchair training day (28/03/20).
 - Year 7 Parents' Evening (01/04/20) - staff will send brief written progress comments based on targets and successes. Please be aware that staff are unable to make telephone appointments due to the logistics of making individual calls to over 200 families and limited phone lines.
 - Gatherings of large numbers of students to stop with immediate effect, including our assemblies and our Easter Services. This will not affect class collective worship.
 - All sports fixtures.

Decisions that we will be making within the next week

- Duke of Edinburgh will carry on in the short term until advice changes.
- French Exchange - We will update you with information regarding this trip once we have confirmation regarding monies paid and our insurance.
- Year 12 progress exams are currently scheduled to take place as planned.
- Year 12 & Year 13 English Theatre trip to see The Kite Runner - we are currently in liaison with the venue.
- Lourdes Pilgrimage - we have sought advice from the diocese and await a response.
- Year 10 retreat to Ampleforth - we are in communication with the retreat providers.
- Year 11 and Year 13 Proms - we are in communication with the venues.
- Geography and Biology field trips - ongoing liaison with providers in the first instance.
- Osmotherly and Beverley Park trips - ongoing liaison with providers in the first instance.
- GCSE Geography field trips to Leeds - decision to be made at a later date.
- Sports day to be decided at a later date.

As a school, we will continue to follow the guidance from Public Health England, and we will continue to update you as further developments materialise. The health and wellbeing of our young people and staff is my first priority, and we are doing everything we can to protect them.

I am aware that this is a very concerning time for everyone, and I wish you and your families all the best for the coming weeks. In our briefing yesterday, some staff found the prayer below helpful. I thought you would appreciate us sharing this with you.



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A prayer for overcoming fear

Dear Father,

My heart and mind are flooded with fears.
Sometimes I am paralysed, I feel unable to go on.
These fears are overwhelming, they remain with me day
and night.
Yet I hold onto your truth.
You have told us not to fear, for you have overcome the
world.
So I cling to you, I trust in your promises, that you will
never fail me, never forsake me.
In moments of such crippling fear,
I choose to hold your hand.
I know you have experienced the most fearful places,
I know that you have risen again.

In you all promises meet and new life begins.
You are my Saviour,
I hide in you,
Protected by your love,
And sheltered by your grace.
My Father.

Amen.

Yours sincerely

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