

Carshalton Boys Sports College



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Dear Parents/Carers

As promised, we will continue to provide regular updates on our response to the Coronavirus pandemic.

I think for all of us there is a growing realisation of the seriousness of the situation we are in. None of us want to add to an alarmist panic but we are becoming acutely aware of the impact that this pandemic is already having on individuals, families, communities and businesses. Our whole society is being touched and all of us are being affected in one way or another.

Our first concern is to review how we run our core activities and to responsibly play our part in protecting each other and slowing the spread of the virus. Our primary aim is to keep the school open unless we are directed to close by the Department for Education, however we will need to take some practical steps in order to do this, outlined below:

Cancelling/postponing any unnecessary meetings/activities

- All parents meetings and school trips up until the Easter holidays will be cancelled/postponed in order to reduce unnecessary contact/exposure and maintain staff levels in school.
- Activities will be reinstated once we feel it is appropriate to do so.
- Full refunds will be provided for all activities that cannot be postponed.

Ensuring examination classes take priority

- In the event of a significant number of staff having to self-isolate over the coming weeks, priority will be given to the teaching of GCSE and A-level classes. This may result in students in lower years having to work at home for part/full days. We will keep parents/carers fully informed via text and social media platforms, and where possible provide limited supervision in school for students who cannot work at home.

Providing work for students to complete at home

- Work will be shared via Show My Homework and paper copies, writing paper and equipment will be provided to students who require them.
- In the event of a full school closure, Chrome books will be provided to GCSE and A-level students who require them in order to access their work online.

Ensuring vulnerable students receive free school meals

- In the event of any partial/full closure we will endeavour to make sure a lunch meal or voucher is provided for free school meal students.

Pastoral support

- In the event of a partial/full school closure a pastoral support line will be provided for students and parents/carers in case advice or guidance is required.

We want to be wise, as well as calm, in all we do. In unprecedented times, it is vital that our Carshalton Boys family support each other and reach out to those who are more vulnerable. We appreciate your understanding and support during this very difficult period for everyone.

Best wishes

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Principal

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