

13th March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

Coronavirus – An update from QEGS and QEGSMAT

Following on from today's earlier notification, and following on from the Cobra meeting held by Government yesterday the country has now entered the delay phase of the Government's plans to slow the spread of the virus. The Prime Minister was clear that schools would remain open for the time being, which is a decision we support.

As you would expect we continue to act on incoming information from the Department for Education and from Public Health England. We are following all available advice, particularly around hygiene and are meeting regularly to ensure that we are prepared for all emerging eventualities.

If the school is directed to close by the Government and your child has to stay at home, our plan is that teachers will communicate with your child and set work using Go 4 Schools homework tool and the school email. We advise all parents and students to check they have access and valid passwords to these communication tools. Whilst there is no substitute for learning in the classroom we will do all we can to ensure your child's education continues as normally as possible. If your child does NOT know their username and/or password, please encourage them to ask their Form Tutor.

Following Government advice on overseas trips, these will be cancelled. Refunds will be issued as soon as possible. We are also in the process of cancelling some domestic school trips and parents will be notified if their child is affected by one of these cancellations. With regards to exams, the planned timetable is still being followed but it is an ever changing situation that we will advise upon should things change.

We are resisting the temptation to send you detailed communications because they are likely to be subject to change as we are overtaken by changing guidance or events. For now, please reassure children that business is continuing as usual and that all precautions are being taken to protect them.

If you would like to know more about staying safe and how you can slow the spread of the coronavirus the latest advice from the government can be found at www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19.

Thank you for your continued support, for communicating with us about yours or your family's circumstances and for allowing us the time and space to focus on our planning.

If you need to contact the school with general enquiries regarding the coronavirus please use the enquiries@qegs.email which we will endeavour to reply to as soon as possible.

Thank you for your continued support during the next few weeks.

Yours faithfully



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