

March 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

We continue to receive daily updates from the Government and Public Health England regarding Coronavirus (COVID-19) and we continue to follow their advice. However, unfortunately we will not be able to staff the full timetable tomorrow. Therefore, we have made the decision to close the school tomorrow, Thursday 19th March until further notice for **Years 9, 10 and 12**. We will remain open to Years 7, 8, 11 and 13.

Our rationale around the choice of Year groups is as follows:

- We wish to protect the teaching of examination classes in Years 11 and 13.
- We want to ensure that students in Year 7 and 8, the youngest year groups, are in school to ease the pressure of childcare on parents/carers.

Whilst schools are currently expected to remain open, we would want to remain in the position where we can continue to follow Public Health England guidance around hygiene management and manage staffing levels. We have also made the decision to cancel, for the time being, after school and extra-curricular activities including sporting fixtures. We continue to review the position regarding school trips and will keep you informed.

We currently have no confirmed cases either with our staff or students of coronavirus, however we do have an increasing number of students and staff who have made the decision to self-isolate, in line with the latest Public Health England advice. Can I make it clear that all COVID-19 related absences through illness or self isolation will be authorised. It is so crucial that we support the whole community by not coming to school if we have symptoms or are in a household that has symptoms for the prescribed period of self isolation. The latest advice and guidance on this can be found here: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-advice/>

Through the use of Show My Homework (SMHW) and the school email system we have the ability to communicate and set work for students. Students have been shown how to access their SMHW account and information is on the school website for parents. In addition the SMHW link is also available on the school website: <https://www.satchelone.com/login>

Teachers are expected to upload work regularly for students to complete and students are expected to complete and return their work via SMHW. Any student questions can be directed to their teacher through SMHW or the dedicated email studentquestions@hansonacademy.org.uk We will endeavour to acknowledge all queries within 24 hours and send personalised responses within 48 hours. We would expect students to remain at home during school hours (where possible) to undertake their work. Staff are expected to upload work and respond during school hours.

As many of our Year 9 and 10 students access free school meals we would like to offer grab bags at 12.00pm available to collect from reception daily.

As a school, we have developed contingencies, in line with our emergency plans, should we have to close due to government instruction. In the event of any closure, we will send you a message via MyEd, Bradford Schools Online and place information on our school website, where more information can be found <https://hansonschool.org.uk/coronavirus-information/>

These are exceptional times; I would like to thank you all for your continued support, cooperation and understanding.

Yours faithfully



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