



Dear Parents and carers

RE: Coronavirus

Longhill High School has **no** staff or students that have tested positive for coronavirus or that are self-isolating, however, we need to be prepared for what may happen in the coming weeks. I would like to take this opportunity to inform you of the strategies and plans that we have in place to keep our community safe and knowledgeable.

Today, Thursday 12th March 2020, the government has moved the country into the 'delay phase' of the response to coronavirus pandemic; this **may** result in closure or partial closure of the school during the coming weeks.

What we are doing as a school

Sanitation is a high priority and we have constant monitoring and refilling of soap dispensers and checking that we have constant supply of hot water. We have had additional 'alcohol' cleaning of hand rails, handles and door push plates.

We have spoken to all the students and informed them of how to stay safe and avoid the virus.

Communication

We will text all parents if/when there are decisions made regarding closure or part closure of the school. We will send letters, similar to this one, if there are specific plans that we wish you to know about.

We continue to work closely with Public Health England and will keep you all informed, as required, through our website. The website will be our main platform for information sharing. Please check the website frequently.

Expectations for your child if school is closed for their year group.

If the school was to close, the time that students are not in school would **not** be a holiday for students. Longhill High School will deliver an education, albeit it in an unconventional way. For each of their timetabled lessons there will be an email from their teacher with the work for that lesson. If there is a partial closure of the school, due to staffing shortages, then the more senior students will take priority.

This is a new situation for all of us and I will keep you informed as we move through these unique circumstances.

Kind regards

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