



17th March 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

You will be aware that the government is currently not planning to close schools and we will continue to follow guidelines set out by the Department for Education and Public Health England. If this situation changes, we will of course inform you.

All students and staff should follow the guidance from the Department of Education and Public Health England that states that anyone with the following symptoms should stay at home for at least 7 days. Anyone in a household where someone is showing these symptoms, should stay at home for 14 days.

- A high temperature of 37.8 degrees or higher and/or
- A new, continuous cough

Please consult NHS/government guidelines for up-to-date information at all times, as this is a rapidly changing picture.

Whilst we plan to keep Maidenhill open in line with government expectations, it is possible, as time goes on, and the number of staff who need to stay at home increases even more, we may need to move to a partial opening on health and safety grounds. This decision would be made if we did not have sufficient staff in school to provide a safe environment. This would mean that we would only have certain year groups in school on any one day. If that decision were to be made, we would aim to inform you via our texting service and via the Gloucestershire Closed Schools website: www.closures.gloucestershire.gov.uk.

Today we have been in contact with parents/carers of students who were hoping to go on visits to France and Italy at Easter. We have had to wait for written confirmation from travel companies before being able to inform students and families that those visits will no longer take place. Our apologies for the delay in communicating with you; this has been out of our control.

We have also made the difficult decision to postpone our school production of Peter Pan, which was due to be performed next week to primary schools, parents and members of the community. Students and staff have invested a great deal of time and effort into rehearsals for several months now and we want them to be able to perform to large audiences who are happy to share the experience together in our school hall. In line with the government's advice that social contact should be essential only, we have decided to postpone the production until October, when we can celebrate together the talent of our young people. Ticket holders can ask for a refund or may retain tickets to use later in the year.

In agreement with other local schools, sports fixtures have been cancelled with immediate effect. We know that the Year 9 Famelab Academy planned for next week has already been cancelled and we have decided that the Year 10 Parents' Evening on Monday 30th March will be postponed. We will keep you informed of decisions as they are made regarding any other activities.

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The planned Year 11 additional mocks will not take place before the Easter holidays. Instead, students will be given the papers to complete at home. They should bring them into school after the Easter break.

I am very grateful for your understanding and support during this difficult time.

Yours sincerely,

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