



Partial School Closure- Year 9

Dear Parents and Carers

Following the Prime Minister's news conference on Tuesday 16 March, outlining the Government's next steps to slow COVID-19, we write to provide further guidance on the current situation within school. At time of writing, the Government has decided that schools should remain open, although nonessential contact with others is discouraged. We are therefore trying our best to remain open for certain year groups.

Whilst Bohunt Worthing currently do not have any confirmed cases of COVID-19, we do have several staff absent who are currently self-isolating or in higher risk categories, as defined by the Government, and as such have been advised to remain off work. To support our staffing capacity we will be enforcing a partial closure for a single year group for one day this week. **As a result, Year 9 students are not expected to be in school on Thursday 19 March but will be expected to return to school on Friday 20 March.**

We need to stress the importance that all students who are not in school should remain at home and stay inside. There will be set tasks via Google classroom for English, Maths and Science and they will be expected to log on to complete the work set. Please encourage your child to make every effort with their studies, whether at home or at school. The more of a routine that can be established, the less unsettling the current situation is for all.

The health of our pupils and staff will continue to be our number one priority. While the evidence so far suggests that children are not particularly vulnerable to coronavirus, it is still important that families and schools do all we can to protect each other and prevent transmission to others. Please refer to the letter dated Wednesday 17 March for guidance on self-isolation and the symptoms that you should look for.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding in these unprecedented times.

Yours sincerely

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