

## **Coronavirus Update**

### **Statement to Students (Years 7, 8, 9, 10 & 12)**

We expect that most of you have heard the Government announcement that school is closing. We will however remain open to the students of key workers, students who have protected characteristics and students with EHCPs as per Government instructions.

The Chase will close at 3pm on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2020 until further notice. However, we will be remaining open for some children. If your parents work in the NHS, for the Police or other essential services or you, as a student, have some protected characteristics, then the school will be open to you if your parents wish you to attend from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2020.

Today the school will be finding out how many students we are expecting to attend school on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2020 and how many staff can support you when you arrive.

For those students in school on Monday in (Years 7 – 12) we would expect:

- You to attend in school uniform if you are in Years 7 - 11
- Register in the Hall (at this point we will have further information about where you will be studying)

These are challenging times and we want you all to know that we will continue to provide educational support for you students who are absent from school.

1. Your teachers are setting work which can be accessed via the school website or on Google Classroom
2. Exercise books will be returned to you over the next two days.
3. We expect you to complete the work that teachers have set. This will be clearly identified and you will have a clear time frame in which to complete the work.
4. You can communicate with your teachers via Google Classroom or via school email.
5. Mr Fieldhouse will continue with daily briefings to keep everyone updated about the rapidly changing situation.
6. If anyone has any Safeguarding concerns they need to report these concerns to Mrs Pugh at [hpugh@chase.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:hpugh@chase.worcs.sch.uk)

In the meantime our usual school systems and routines apply for the next two days. Lesson will continue as normal and we will continue to have high expectations of all students.

In these times of challenge and uncertainty we know that all members of our school community will want to work together to support each other. We have a great school, let's make sure that this shows in the last two days!

Mr Fieldhouse, 19<sup>th</sup> March 2020

## **Coronavirus Update Statement to Students (Years 11 & 13)**

We expect that most of you have heard the Government announcement that school is closing. We will remain open to the students of key workers, students who have protected characteristics and students with EHCPs as per Government instructions. School will, therefore, close for the vast majority of students at 3pm on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2020.

You will have also heard the Government say that there will be no GCSE/A Level exams this summer as planned and we anticipate that these might occur at a later date.

We know that you have been working hard over the last two years preparing for your exams. We recognise that this news will be distressing and will leave you with lots of questions.

We want you to know that we are working closely with Government advisors to ensure that you are not adversely affected by this situation and that your hard work, determination and effort over the last two years is recognised. As a school we are continuing to do all that we can to ensure that all doors remain open to you for your progression post GCSEs.

We are, today, taking measures to ensure that your past assessments are recognised and that we have an accurate data picture of you on our school systems so that ***if*** we are required to make any judgements about what your performance may have been in the summer exams we are in the best informed position to pass that information on to exam boards.

Please rest assured that we will continue to support you remotely during this challenging time and that we will make resources available to you to further support you both in terms of your education, which we expect you to continue via Google Classroom activities, and your mental well-being. Please refer to the schools CARE pages should you require any additional support and in particular you may wish to access KOOH which is an online counselling services.

If you have a Safeguarding concern or there is something that you are really worried about from a Safeguarding perspective please email Mrs Pugh who will be able to offer advice and guidance. [hpugh@chase.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:hpugh@chase.worcs.sch.uk)

We know that, collectively, you are a fantastic year group and that you will, understandably, be feeling unsure about the future: we remain here to support and guide you. We are looking at ways that we can celebrate your achievements to date at The Chase at some point in the future.

Mr Fieldhouse, 19<sup>th</sup> March 2020



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