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Dear Parents/Carers

Coronavirus (COVID-19) – information

I am writing to you to update on what is in place at Brookfield, due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak, and also to provide early information on what plans would be in place in the event of school closure.

Along with parents around the country, I am sure you have concerns about the COVID-19 virus. I would like to reassure you that the school is taking every step to inform students, staff and visitors about how to act during this situation, following evolving guidelines provided by Public Health England, the Department for Education and the local authority. These steps include:

- Posters and other information freely displayed around the school premises
- Hand sanitisers in all lavatories and changing areas
- Repeated reminders to students and staff to wash their hands in line with official guidance
- Clear guidance about the criteria by which the decision to self-isolate is made
- Reviewing off-site school activities and visits

We receive regular notifications from the authorities regarding the status of the virus and its impact on society - we will keep you informed of any updates or developments. Latest guidance from Public Health England can be found at this link: <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/coronavirus-covid-19-list-of-guidance>

The Department for Education has now launched a new helpline to answer questions about COVID-19 related to education. Staff, parents and young people can contact the helpline as follows: Phone: 0800 046 8687
Email: DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk

Digital learning in the event of school closure

The current advice is that schools should not close due to COVID-19. However, as a school we are formulating plans to minimise the impact on learning should the decision be made that schools do need to close for a period of time. This planning is not intended to be alarmist, but prudent in the time of a developing situation with the virus.

In the event of a decision to close the school, staff will set work for students using **Show My Homework**. All students have login details and are familiar with this platform. Work will be set and, where appropriate, marked by teachers. For students in Years 11 and 13, who have public examinations this summer, the work will be targeted and based on examination content and preparation.



GCSE and A-Level Examinations - Summer 2020

Ofqual have advised us that schools should assume that exams will continue as scheduled. However, we have reviewed our contingency plans and are working closely with other local schools to ensure that exams will continue with the minimum of disruption, thereby mitigating adverse effects on students in relation to their qualifications.

If a decision is taken to close this could happen at short-notice. We will notify you via text and email and information will also be posted on the school's website.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support of the school.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'K Hirst', written in a cursive style.

Mr K Hirst
Headteacher