

Dear Families,

Thank you all for your ongoing support as schools within the Wandle Learning Trust continue to do everything we can to ensure the safety and welfare of our students and staff.

At this point I would like to reassure you that there are no confirmed cases of COVID-19 within our community of schools. We continue to take extensive precautions and have a comprehensive risk assessment in place for managing the impact of the pandemic.

The latest advice from the government is that if you are living in the same household as someone with a cough or a temperature, everyone in the household should stay at home for 14 days.

You will be aware from the extensive news coverage that the government do not have any plans to close schools during the 'delay' phase of the Coronavirus pandemic. We fully support these plans but it is important that we also plan for every eventuality which could ultimately result in schools closing.

We are working on the basis of 2 possible scenarios in relation to school closure:

- Scenario 1: - A lack of teachers due to staff self-isolating
- Scenario 2: - Forced School closure by Public Health England Closure

Scenario 1 - A lack of teachers due to staff self-isolating

Schools within the Trust are already successfully managing to operate with higher than normal levels of staff absence due to staff being advised to self-isolate. If this situation deteriorates over the coming days and weeks individual schools may be forced to temporarily close, either fully or partially. A partial closure would enable us to prioritise teaching for particular year groups. If a school closure is necessary you will be notified in one of the following ways:

1. A text message, e-mail or push-notification will be sent to explain the situation and guide you to the academy website for further information;
2. The academy will display details about the closure on its website before 7.30am stating if any year groups will remain on site or not;
3. The academy will provide work for students. Each school within the Trust has its own arrangements to ensure the continuation of learning and you will be notified about these arrangements in due course.

Scenario 2: - Forced School closure by Public Health England If the government closes all schools.

In the event of a national or regional closure of schools, Wandle Learning Trust academies will notify parents in exactly the same way as above. We will provide regular updates on our websites so you will know when the school will reopen. We appreciate that there will be many uncertainties over the coming weeks and months and that it will be causing our students some anxiety. We will continue to keep you updated, particularly in relation to:

- National assessments for Y2 and Y6 students;
- Public exams for Y11, 12 and 13 students

At the moment we have been advised that the exams will continue as planned so please continue to assume this is the case unless we tell you otherwise.

Please be reassured that Wandle Learning Trust schools continue to remain open and are fully committed to doing so over the coming weeks and months if circumstances permit.

We will continue to update you with developments over the coming weeks.

Yours sincerely,



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