

****Coronavirus update - Monday 16th March****

Dear Parents and Carers

There are two important meetings happening today, following which we expect to receive news. One is the Government's 'Cobra' meeting, following which there is likely to be a Press Conference today or latest tomorrow. The second is a meeting between Headteachers' representatives, teaching union representatives and the Department for Education scheduled for today; this meeting will include discussion of whether schools should be shutting and the situation regarding this summer's GCSE and A Level examinations.

We are aware of a family member of one student that has been told by NHS 111 that it is likely that he has the Coronavirus (in line with current policy, he has not been tested). Our student has informed us of this and whilst she currently feels well we have asked her not to attend school at this time, as a precautionary measure.

We currently have a small number of students and staff who are self-isolating. The decision to self-isolate rests with individuals and their families and should be based on the most up-to-date Public Health England advice.

As things stand, the IndepnDance event scheduled for tomorrow evening, Tuesday, and Wednesday evening, will go ahead. If that situation has to change as a result of national announcements, we will let you know.

Thank you for your support. We will update again tomorrow.

Kind regards

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