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COVID-19 (coronavirus) update

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly may I thank you all for your communication and support over the last two days.

Following announcements today, both from the Department for Education and Boris Johnson's first daily coronavirus briefing this afternoon, I felt it necessary to update you on action the school is taking. The current advice is that all schools should remain open unless advised to close by Public Health England, so we will be open as normal tomorrow.

The advice to stop non-essential contact and travel means we are cancelling a number of events and activities:

- **The Year 11 GCSE Information Evening** tomorrow (Tuesday). All students have attended an extended session so are clear about using a structured revision plan. The recent Year 11 newsletter provided information about the school's support. Later this week, Hannah Khan will email all parents with additional information.
- **The Year 12 Parents' Evening** on Thursday. The report published last week provides an overview of students' progress. We are still planning for the May assessment week so students will be able to use the guidance and revision support that they have had to prepare for these exams. If you have any questions about sixth form progress, please email hkhan@klbschool.org.uk.
- **The Parent workshop on managing stress and anxiety** on Thursday.
- **All sports fixtures** for the foreseeable future.
- **All school assemblies**. Key messages will be relayed through tutor time.

The most recent guidance states that anyone who lives with someone who has a cough or a temperature should stay at home for 14 days. This will undoubtedly mean that more students will need to stay at home tomorrow. Please use the attendance email, attendance@klbschool.org.uk as a means of letting us know of any absence.

Given the stricter guidance on self-isolation, it may be that more staff are unable to come to work over the coming days. We will continue to operate a normal timetable for as long as we can, but there may come a time when we need to consider alternative approaches.

We are currently planning work that will be set in the probable event of school closure. We will communicate information to you about this separately. For those students who are having to stay at home, we apologise for not being able to provide more bespoke learning but we currently suggest a number of things:

- Year 11, 12 and 13 students should continue to work through their structured revision programmes already provided by school;
- To use on-line learning platforms to review, consolidate and enrich learning;
- Review work in exercise books;
- Check Show My Homework for set work.

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For hygiene reasons we have today stopped using the canteen's pre-order machines and from Thursday we will be unable to accept cash in the top-up machines. Parents will need to use Scopay to top up accounts. Please get in contact with the finance office if you have any problems.

The situation is changing daily and I would imagine I will be communicating again before the week is out. If you have any queries please do not reply to this email but instead use the info@klbschool.org.uk email and your enquiry will be directed to the most relevant person.

Yours faithfully



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