



RANGE HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parent / Carer

As you will be aware from the local and national news the country is in the midst of a crisis related to the Coronavirus outbreak. As a school we have been liaising closely with the Local Authority and we are following advice and guidance from Public Health England as well as the Department for Education. In school we have taken several steps to try and ensure that everyone is safe and as protected as is possible, these include:

- DFE/PHE Advice posters placed around school;
- form tutors going through the advice with the students and encouraging everyone to wash their hands regularly;
- science teachers delivering lessons to highlight how we can prevent the spread of the virus;
- cleaning staff duties being revised to ensure extra wipe-down of high-use surfaces;
- half-hourly checks to ensure that the toilets are stocked with soap and that the water is at the right temperature;
- tissues have been placed in all classrooms and everyone encouraged to use them as per the guidance;
- the ski-trip planned for Easter was cancelled last week.

There seems to be a lot of questions around relating to closing the school. As I am writing this, the Prime Minister has just announced that schools should not close unless told to do so. We will continue to run the school in as normal a fashion as possible and will keep you updated with changes as they happen. We are currently working on plans to provide revision materials and online work in the event that the current advice changes.

If you have any individual concerns, do please get in touch with your child's Head of House in the first instance. We would also urge all parents to stress to their children the importance of hand washing at home, in school and when out and about.

The health and safety of your child and of the staff is our first priority here at Range. Please be assured that we will do everything we can to reduce risk whilst at the same time ensuring the best possible standard of education.

Yours sincerely

Mr McGarry
Headteacher