



13<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian,

### **Coronavirus (Covid19) Update for Parents**

In light of the emerging national situation regarding Coronavirus, we are continuing to monitor the updates and advice from the Department for Education, Department of Health, Public Health England (PHE), and the Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

The health and wellbeing of all our students and staff is of paramount importance to us and we understand that information on social media can be concerning. Therefore, please continue to check your emails and our website for regular and reliable updates directly from the school on this matter. Please refer to our news section on the website ([www.iscaexeter.co.uk](http://www.iscaexeter.co.uk)) for the latest information, including useful links with advice and guidance relating to Coronavirus.

#### Learning

Our intention is to remain open unless directed otherwise. However, we need to prepare for all eventualities, including potential temporary closure. In order for us to support your child and to ensure that disruption to their education is minimised in the event that the school is directed to close, we have put plans in place to support their remote learning.

Students will be expected to access their learning remotely through **Google Classroom**. In order for this to be successful, we are training all students on how to use this and will send out detailed instructions to all families in the event of closure. Of course not all families will have access to the internet and if this applies to you, please let us know and we will provide your child with an alternative. We expect all students to access their learning in line with their school timetable during a period of school closure. In addition, students will be required to continue their work on their Knowledge Organisers throughout.

Should your child experience any technical problems accessing work remotely, online support will be available during a period of closure by emailing [helpdesk@tedwraggtrust.co.uk](mailto:helpdesk@tedwraggtrust.co.uk).

To access your child's timetable, please ensure you download the Xpressions App as detailed below: The Xpressions app is available to download free from your usual app store, or find a link on the Groupcall website <https://parents.groupcall.com/> where you can also find help to log on. You need to use the email address and mobile phone number that we have on record for you at school. If this is not correct then contact us with the new information.

If you cannot download the App and require a printed copy of your child's timetable, please contact us.

## Communication

All communications and updates during a period of closure will be posted on the Academy's website [www.iscaexeter.co.uk](http://www.iscaexeter.co.uk). In addition, we will send regular information through the Groupcall email system and Xpressions app.

Should your child test positive for Coronavirus, we would like you to inform us via email at [coronavirus@iscaexeter.co.uk](mailto:coronavirus@iscaexeter.co.uk). This will enable us to monitor the situation for our school community and to act in accordance with Public Health England and the Department for Education advice. Please be reassured that this information will be managed confidentially and sensitively.

If you, or a family member has symptoms that you are concerned about, please visit the NHS website at [www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/) for further advice and guidance.

## School Trips

Our insurers are exploring the implications on school trips abroad following the government's recent decision regarding overseas travel. We will notify you as soon as we have further information.

At present UK trips will proceed as planned until we receive further advice from the Government or Public Health England.

## Exams

As yet we have received no formal notification of changes to the planned exams in the Summer and so we will continue with the existing arrangements. We will obviously let you know if this changes. There could be revisions to the exam schedule following any disruption, up to and including the 'Contingency Day' on 24 June 2020. This is not a school decision and would apply to all candidates in all schools, therefore please do not make any arrangements for Year 11 students to be absent from school until after this date.

## Free School Meals

We recognise that a potential school closure could put a significant strain on families where their child is in receipt of free school meals. We are making plans to offer support in these circumstances and will inform you of the arrangements as necessary. Please keep up to date with any changes through our website.

I hope this update is helpful and offers you some clarity and reassurance in what is largely an uncertain situation at this stage. We will continue to do our utmost to ensure that all our students are supported through any disruption which may arise in the coming weeks and months. As ever, please do not hesitate to contact me if you have significant concerns which you would like to discuss.

Best regards,



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