

18th March 2020

The
COUNTY
HIGH SCHOOL
Leftwich



Dear Parent / Carer

Latest update regarding the Coronavirus

I'd like to start by thanking the students who have been in school so far this week for their mature and sensible approach. For those families of students unable to attend, I wish you well.

The County High School, Leftwich has and will continue to comply with all Government guidance. This continues to be a dynamic situation and I will keep parent/carers up-to-date as our plan evolves. I will continue to ensure information is shared via InTouch, the school website www.leftwichhigh.com and via the school Twitter account @leftwichhigh

We are continuing with a programme of increased cleaning and reminding all students, staff and visitors to follow basic hygiene routines.

At the time of writing (18th March 10:30am) Government advice is:

- staff, young people and children should stay at home if they are unwell with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature to avoid spreading infection to others. Otherwise they should attend education or work as normal.
- if staff, young people or children become unwell on site with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature they should be sent home. Please note that should this happen then we would isolate a student (in line with guidelines provided) and request that they are collected from school at the earliest opportunity.
- if you live with others and you or one of them have symptoms of coronavirus, then all household members must stay at home and not leave the house for 14 days. The 14day period starts from the day when the first person in the house became ill (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>)



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- that vulnerable members of society (for example those students with underlying health conditions) should consider 'social distancing' strategies in order to minimise the likelihood of contact with the virus (see <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidanceon-social-distancing-and-for-vulnerable-people/guidance-on-social-distancing-for-everyonein-the-uk-and-protecting-older-people-and-vulnerable-adults> for full details)

Whilst I hope this is not the case, it does increase the possibility that the school may not have enough staff to remain open to all students. Please be reassured that a closure of any sort will be a last resort and following official advice.

The school can issue vouchers for a local food bank. We are planning to try and continue issuing these, even in the event of a school closure. Should you require them please email admin@leftwichhigh.com or phone and leave a message for Mrs du Plessis.

Regrettably, as well as the events previously cancelled, in order to minimise the risk to students, staff and/or visitors; ensure my colleagues are able to focus fully on preparing for any potential school closure and to ensure that we maximise the amount of staff available to teach lessons, we now need to cancel/postpone:

- **Year 11 Parents Evening (25th March 2020)** - progress reports, with predicted GCSE grades, 'what went well' and 'even better if' advice will be sent home next week. Should parents/carers wish to discuss anything in the report please contact the Subject Leader. Emails sent to admin@leftwichhigh.com will be forwarded to the relevant Subject leader.
- **Official Match Ball Carrier (Europa League Event)** - The entries were all fantastic. Thank you to those students and families who took the time to create such creative and imaginative letters, videos and artwork. Kia, who were supporting the event, have kindly provided prizes, which will be presented to the students this week.

Year 11 are encouraged to continue with their preparations for their GCSE exams. In preparation for a potential full school closure, Subject Leaders and their teams have worked hard over the past week to create bespoke online resources, which Year 11 students can access via Google Classrooms. Year 11 have been told to follow their timetable and engage with the online and paper resources. Teachers will also follow their Year 11 timetable, where possible, and be able to provide support and feedback to their Year 11 students. Online and paper resources for Year 7 to 10 students are also being provided and students will be encouraged to follow their standard timetable. Students will be expected to check their school email account (access via www.leftwichhigh.com) daily (Monday-Friday).

More information and advice is available on the following website: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public>

I would like to once again thank all parents/carers for your understanding and support. I hope this letter provides additional reassurance that the school is preparing for all eventualities and attempting to minimise the disruption to students' learning, whilst ensuring their safety

continues to be our highest priority. Please continue to follow all advice and precautions and I wish you, your families and friends well in these uncertain and worrying times.

Yours sincerely

Mr M Snelson
Principal