

17<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parents

I want to update you regarding the measures we are taking in light of the coronavirus pandemic to protect both students and staff at this very challenging time.

1. Lessons at all Invictus campuses are currently taking place as normal, as far as possible. There may be a slight exception to this for some morning lessons at Wombourne Campus where, on occasions, when staffing is reduced, and we are having to cover colleagues who are absent, that morning lessons may have to start at 10am rather than 9.30am. Wombourne colleagues are working hard to keep this to an absolute minimum but it may be necessary to take this step if a high number of staff are absent on any given day.

2. Mrs. Stokes, (Head of Sixth Form at Wombourne Campus) is currently having to self-isolate due to her husband showing signs of coronavirus. She is still able to pick up and respond to emails but is not available within school for the time being. I will therefore base myself at Wombourne Campus, whenever possible, so if parents wish to contact me directly, my direct line is 01384 686558.

3. Invictus minibuses, which take students between campuses, will be thoroughly disinfected between the morning, lunchtime and after school runs to reduce the risk of passing on the virus during bus journeys. We would also appreciate it if you would remind your son/daughter about the importance of thoroughly washing their hands on a very regular basis and, where possible, prior to boarding a minibus.

4. We have a number of events and visits planned for the next few months. We have already taken the decision to cancel the Y12 Futures Day scheduled for this Friday and have also reluctantly had to cancel the summer ball. For our 3 other Y12 visits scheduled for the summer term (university residential, UCAS HE Convention and Apprenticeships Day), we will await further advice from the government and providers before making a decision about whether these can go ahead or not. If we are able to proceed with these, I will write to you in due course.

5. It is difficult for us to predict what measures the government will decide are necessary regarding education over the coming months. At the moment, we sincerely hope that external A Level/BTEC examinations will not be affected but because of the high degree of uncertainty regarding the spread of coronavirus, we cannot be absolutely confident that external examinations will be unaffected. As soon as we hear more about this, we will, of course, keep students and parents up to date.



Thank-you for your ongoing support and patience during this very difficult time. Wishing you and your family the very best of health.

Yours faithfully,



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