

# Hawley Hall High School

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'The school's work to promote pupils' personal development and welfare is outstanding'. (Ofsted)

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Dear Parents and Carers,

In light of the ongoing focus on the Coronavirus. I wanted to write to you regarding how we are responding to the current situation. We have the support of the local health authority, the Rowan Learning Trust and Public Health England. We are rigorously reviewing all information available to us.

## Reporting illness

Guidance from the government as of today is that if your child experiences a **new continuous cough and/or a high temperature** you must notify school using the normal absence procedure and self-isolate your child for 7 days. If you are in any doubt, please telephone 111 or follow the link [www.111.nhs.uk/covid-19/](http://www.111.nhs.uk/covid-19/) to the NHS online questionnaire and follow the advice given. Please clarify your situation when you ring school to report your child's absence so we can monitor accordingly.

## Upcoming events

As a precautionary measure we have decided to cancel a number of upcoming events. This includes the **Y10 Parents' Evening on Thursday 19th of March** and the forthcoming Expressive Arts Evenings in April. This is in the best interests of our wider community. We are also restricting meetings and staff training off site has also been cancelled.

## Possibility of school closure

It is clear that the government are considering the potential of school closures for a period of time in a bid to reduce the further spread of Coronavirus. We are monitoring this situation on a daily basis and putting in place plans to ensure that our students can continue to learn and that we can work with you to keep them safe in the event that this happens. Please ensure that your child has access to Show my homework (Satchel learning <https://www.satchelone.com/login>) as this will be the key tool for setting work. If they do not have access please contact the school as soon as possible. We have been planning for this eventuality for a number of weeks and are well prepared to provide appropriate work for all of our students. In the event of a closure I will also provide you with further information of how you can continue to communicate with the school.

## Year 11

One of our most pressing concerns is the impact that any measures to curtail Coronavirus may have on our Year 11s and their preparation for their exams this summer. Unless we are told otherwise, we must move forward in the expectation that school will not close and that exams will go ahead as planned. Again, we are monitoring information provided from Ofqual, the examination body, and will let you know if this situation changes. We will continue to provide resources, access to revision materials and I would also strongly urge your child to use GCSEPod and other subject specific tools to support independent revision.



## **Communication**

As stated, it is crucial that your child has access to SMHW. We have also created a tab on the school website under the parents section where we will post key communications, information and appropriate links to other sources of information. If you have not already joined our Parentmail app or are aware your contact details need updating then please contact school as soon as possible. Effective communication between staff, students and home will be crucial during this period. We will endeavour to provide information as swiftly as possible.

Whilst we are facing significant challenges as a school and a community I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Klinck', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mr M Klinck  
Headteacher