

# Challney High School for Girls

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Dear Parent/Carer

We are writing to you again with our next update on our response to the spread of Coronavirus.

You will be aware of the latest Government guidance and also be aware that this is a quickly changing situation.

As we stand:

- Schools are not directed to close at this point by Government but decisions are being made at a local level re partial closures
- Everyone should minimise unnecessary social contact in the community
- Anyone with a continuous cough and/or high temperature should stay at home for 14 days if they live with someone else, 7 days if they live alone
- The Government has directed people with specified underlying health conditions to stay at home for a more lengthy period

I would urge all parents to read the latest Government guidance:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/coronavirus-covid-19-uk-government-response>

Please refer to this guidance in making a decision whether your child should attend school. You will notice in the guidance that if your child has asthma, for example, she should remain at home.

For as long as it remains part of the Government's strategy to keep schools open, we are obliged to attempt to do that each day. However, we also need to regularly review our own position and the starting point will be if we have enough staff to open the school and keep our pupils safe. As more staff are required to stay at home, we will have fewer staff available.

For transparency, if we reach the point where we do not have enough staff to keep the school open we will make a decision each day for the following day as to how a partial opening (i.e. open, but not for all pupils/students) will work. We will confirm each day if this is sustainable. In the event of partial closure, we will ensure there is on-line work for our pupils and students who are at home.



We will try to communicate clearly with you through text message, email and a message the school website and you should also expect changes in how we operate, including students not having their usual teachers and groups. We are very grateful for the kindness and support so many parents across the Trust have shown and we do appreciate that any closure places parents in a difficult situation.

On Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March the following arrangements will apply. **Years 7, 8 and 9:** students will remain at home. English, Maths and Science work will be set and emailed to students. **Years 10 and 11** should be in school if they are well.

We wish you well in these difficult times.

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