



CHALLNEY
High School For Boys



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HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Arrangements to continue education if schools close due to the spread of the Coronavirus - COVID-19

We would like to thank you for your support in encouraging your sons and daughters to work hard at school and to behave so sensibly and maturely despite the national concerns regarding spread of the coronavirus COVID-19. It is because of these exceptionally positive attitudes to school and to learning that Ofsted was so impressed with our two schools recently.

Thank you also for your support in encouraging your sons and daughters to continue washing hands regularly and thoroughly. Please continue with this, ensuring that they do so thoroughly with soap and running water before they come to school in the morning, when they get home in the afternoon and through the day when they go to the toilet or go to eat. We have shared information on good hand hygiene with your sons and daughters as well as placing posters around the building to remind them of the importance of this. At both schools there has been extra cleaning during the day of surfaces.

You have heard on the news that there is a possibility that schools will have to close for some time to delay the spread of the virus. We have not been told that this is going to happen but we will let you know straight away if we are told that it is to become necessary.

We are making plans now so that students will be able to continue with lessons at home through online learning, particularly with Google Classroom. The class teachers will also be in the virtual classrooms and they will put the students' work there. If we do have to close, we will give you more information about these arrangements.

We will also make sure that your son's/daughter's teachers' email addresses are on the school websites so that you can contact them if you need to ask them questions about the work.

It will be very important that your children engage with this diligently so that they do not fall behind in their learning. Working in this way will have many advantages - it will help them develop independent learning skills, to become more resilient and it will broaden their experience of online learning. If you are at home and available, it will also be a great opportunity for you to become involved in your sons' and daughters' learning.



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If you know that this approach will not be possible because you do not have access to a suitable device or the internet at home, please let Mr Parmar, mparmar@challneyboys.co.uk, know as soon as possible at the boys' school or Miss Ponsonby, nponsonby@challneygirls.luton.sch.uk, at the girls' school.

The latest guidance from the [Department of Health and Social Care and Public Health England](#) advises that if you show symptoms of Coronavirus, a high temperature or a new, continuous cough, you should self-isolate for seven days. If your child displays these symptoms, please keep them at home and let us know by following the normal procedures found on our website.

We understand that these are anxious times and we are here to support the children with any concerns that they may have. We would also like to ask for your support in helping us keep the children calm and focused during this period.

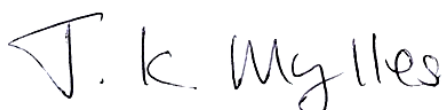
In the meantime we continue to remind staff, students and visitors to take precautionary measures to minimise the spread of infection and of the importance of good health hygiene.

If you have any immediate queries please do not hesitate to contact the appropriate head of house, head of year, form tutor or any senior member of staff.

Please be assured that both schools will do all they can to support your son's and daughter's learning in the event of a school closure.

Once we have a clearer picture of the days ahead we will be back in touch.

Yours sincerely,



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