

17<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

### Management of Covid-19

Following last night's announcements by the government, I am writing to update you with respect to our ongoing approach to these issues.

### School Closure for Year 9

The national decision to increase self-isolation periods to 14 days has added to the staffing difficulties that we are experiencing at the moment, along with the need to protect staff with underlying health issues identified by the government. For this reason, we need to ask Year 9 to stay at home from tomorrow, **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2020** until at least the end of school on **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2020**. We have asked our Year 9 teachers to provide work for their students using Show My Homework. All students have their password but if you need it to be replaced, please email [admin@winsfordacademy.org.uk](mailto:admin@winsfordacademy.org.uk).

We will review this position over the next week and consider the following future options:

1. If our staffing levels have improved, we will ask Year 9 to return to school on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2020.
2. If our staffing issues have remained at approximately the same level, we will ask Year 9 to return to school on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2020 and we will then ask Year 8 to remain at home for the following week.
3. If our staffing issues have worsened, we may need to ask Year 9 to remain at home and ask other year groups to do likewise.

We will update parents regarding these options at a later date. Please check our website for updates regularly.

### School Events

In light of the national guidance to avoid all non-essential travel, we are going to cancel all off-site school trips and activities. We are also reviewing any on-site events that will involve large numbers of visitors coming onto our site. With this in mind, we have decided to cancel parents' evenings and sports events until further notice.

Once we have returned to normal, we will do our best to reschedule as many of these events as possible. We recognise, however, that this may not always be feasible.

As events continue to move very quickly, we will continue to monitor these circumstances very carefully and will provide further updates as necessary. **Please check our website regularly for current updates.**

With thanks for your understanding and ongoing support for the school.

Please take care of yourselves and your loved ones.

Yours faithfully



Mrs A Harrison  
Principal

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