



Fleetwood High School

A Specialist ICT and Sports College

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Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for your support over recent days whilst the school has remained fully open to all students through the outbreak of the Coronavirus. We have endeavoured to keep you updated and reassured by text message.

It has been fantastic to see the whole school community rise to the challenge of continuing to provide a high quality level of provision for our students. The site and cleaning team have continued to work hard to ensure an increased level of hygiene and cleanliness.

Government plan re. Coronavirus

As you will be aware, the Government has now moved into the "delay" phase of their four-tiered plan to tackle Covid-19 or Coronavirus.

This is a notable development as it further highlights the important role that we all have in helping to reduce the spread of the virus.

The latest guidance advises any member of our community, which includes staff, children and their families, to stay away from their school for 14 days if they present the most common symptoms of Coronavirus. These are a recent onset of a new continuous cough and/or a high temperature.

As it stands, a considerable number of staff are self-isolating or are being advised to stay away from public areas as they have health issues. It is important to stress that, given we are at a time of the year when there are lots of colds and bugs going about, displaying these symptoms does not mean they have Covid-19. It is, however, right that we all manage appropriately the potential of any of us having the virus to help protect every member of our community, particularly the most vulnerable.

How we are responding at Fleetwood High School to keep everyone safe...

Over recent days, we have been considering the steps necessary to ensure all students, staff and families are kept proactively safe. This has included the use of supply teachers, classes being covered by senior and middle leaders and the amalgamation of some classes. We have also been prompt and proactive preparing for a possible partial closure by training all staff and students on the online learning platform 'Show My Homework' which will allow students to continue working, revising and learning remotely.

While we do not want to disrupt the education our children receive, we are mindful of staffing levels and the need for the highest quality of educational provision for students. As a result Fleetwood High School will partially close from Thursday 19th March 2020. The school will remain open for all students in Year 7 and 11. The school will remain closed, until further notice, for all students in Years 8, 9 and 10.

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Comprehensive work packs have been distributed to all students to continue to allow them to work and study at home. These have been provided to all students during period five this afternoon. This is in addition to online work that will be set through the Show My Homework package. If you have a child in Years 8, 9 or 10 and have any questions or problems with online work or materials for them to work on at home please email support@fleetwoodhs.org.uk This is a central email address which will be monitored daily to ensure a prompt response. If you have any questions or concerns of a pastoral or safeguarding nature, please contact your child's year team in the usual way.

A great deal of work, preparation and planning has gone in to ensuring a high quality level of education is in place for Years 7 and Year 11. If your child is in these year groups it is vital that they continue to attend school. A detailed action plan is in place, which is reviewed daily by the School's Senior Leadership Team, to ensure all measures are in place to ensure students and staff can continue to safely access school. This includes close monitoring for students displaying any signs or symptoms of the virus.

Lunches will continue to be provided for all students in Years 7 and 11. We are also putting plans in place to ensure students eligible for free school meals in Years 8, 9 and 10 can continue to collect a packed lunch.

Further updates and ensuring good communication

We will continue to very closely monitor the situation and keep in touch with you as it develops via text and letter.

Students in Years 8, 9 and 10 should remain off until further notice – we will communicate directly with you via text message and the School's website to inform you as to when students in these year groups should return.

Students in Years 7 and 11 must attend school as normal. Again, we will keep in touch with you if closure is recommended for students in these year groups or if any other developments emerge affecting students in Years 7 and 11.

Students who are already off school (all year groups), should report to Main Reception between 10am and 12 noon tomorrow to collect their work.

If you are worried or concerned, there is useful information, particularly around self-isolation through the NHS website on the following link:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Thank you

Thank you for your support in protecting the health and wellbeing of all our pupils, staff and communities.

Finally, I am sorry for such a long letter and for having to bring difficult news to you. I acknowledge that this is a worrying and uncertain time for us all. We will continue to ensure we offer an unwavering level of support for our students and community through these testing times.

Yours sincerely



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