



Tomlinscote School

17th March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you so much for supporting the school today at such a challenging time and the impeccable attitude from our students. I made the decision to close the Catering kitchen as soon as I was informed that a couple of staff were feeling unwell. The consequence was that we could not feed the students at all and sending them home was the only option. Fortunately, the Sixth Form College Farnborough provided food for our students who had to remain on site and for a few students who did their Drama GCSE practical in the afternoon.

The Bee Hive seating area will be open tomorrow for students to use but the Catering kitchen will be closed from tomorrow onwards. Students will need to bring a packed lunch/drinks/water bottle to school.

At the moment I have 24 members of staff at home for different reasons and therefore I have made the decision to ***partially*** open the school as follows:

Wednesday 18th March

Years **7, 10, 11** – to attend school

Years **8 and 9** – stay at home

Thursday 19th March

Years **8, 9, 11** - to attend school

Years **7 and 10** - stay at home

Friday 20th March

Will be confirmed as soon as possible.

Setting work for students at home

Staff will set work for students thorough Google classroom which will match their normal timetable. This is for all students who are either self-isolating or at home because of the partial closure for their year group. Please ask your son/daughter to show you the work they have completed where necessary.

Year 11 – a number of Drama students have their practical exam tomorrow and this will continue. Furthermore, Year 11 have a mock Maths exam tomorrow and this will take place in class rooms and not the Main Hall. A schedule will be provided to students tomorrow morning. If a student has been forced to self-isolate, then we will put the mock exam paper on Google classroom for the students to complete at home.

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I will communicate with parents each day to provide everyone with an update. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Mr R Major
Principal