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Dear Parent/Carer

Covid-19

The worldwide outbreak of Covid-19 is resulting in changes to how organisations operate. As an Academy we will continue to follow the guidance from Public Health England and the Department for Education. The current advice, as of 13 March, is that any learners that return from Italy, Iran, Hubei in China, and parts of South Korea, need to self-isolate for 14 days. Also any learners that have the following symptoms should stay at home and self-isolate for seven days:

- A high temperature
- A new, continuous cough

You should contact the Academy to inform us that your child is self-isolating, however you should not go to a GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital and you do not need to contact 111 to tell them that they are staying at home.

We receive updates from Public Health England daily and if schools within this country are asked to close it is imperative that learners continue with their education at home. In such an eventuality we would use the Show my Homework programme to set learners tasks daily for Years 10 and 11. Each day learners would find a task on Show My Homework that will cover their lesson content. This would ensure that learners continue to receive at least 5 hours of education per day. For Years 7, 8 and 9 a home learning pack will be made available on the Academy website, teachers may also set work on Show My Homework. In addition, we would encourage learners to use time away from school to read widely and increase their vocabulary.

For Year 11 learners, there are added concerns regarding exams and exam preparation. However, Ofqual and exam boards will be doing their best to ensure the exam season is not interrupted. Our role as an Academy, with the help of families, will be to prepare learners for exams in the best possible way. It is absolutely crucial that you ensure that your child is completing all of their exam preparation work every single day. Revision timetables should be maintained and learners should continue to practise past paper questions and focus on improving areas of weakness. A huge amount of material is already available, but should the Academy be closed at any point, we will again be ensuring learners are signposted to appropriate revision resources.

As of Friday 13 March 2020, all Year 11 learners have a card with a reminder of instructions on how to access online platforms including Hegarty Maths, Century AI, GCSE Pod and SAM Learning (for French). This information will also be shared on our social media platforms and website.

It could be that education is not interrupted and we are able to operate as normal for the rest of the academic year. However, contingency plans are always important, which is why I am sending this information to you.

Yours faithfully

Mrs E Edwards-Morgan
Principal



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