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Dear Parent/Guardian

As you know these are difficult times for us all and as a school we are trying to keep to business as usual. The impact of the Coronavirus has left us with some staffing challenges, but I am pleased to say that everybody associated with the school is pulling together to keep the school running as normal.

However, I have had to make the decision to cancel all extra-curricular clubs, Period 6 for Year 11 and to cancel all school trips for the foreseeable future. Monies paid for trips will be refunded as soon as possible either through Parent Pay or by cheque. Please give us a little time to refund these monies, particularly with trips abroad which need to be managed through the insurance companies and in the instance of Auschwitz, once the FCO travel advice changes.

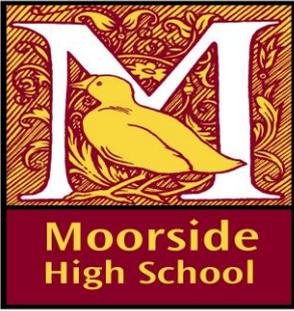
It is important as a school that we have a contingency plan in the event that the Government decide to close schools. Our teachers have uploaded work for every year group on to the school website. This can be found on the front page under "Latest News" and "Working from Home". In addition the same work has been uploaded on to Show My Homework so the work can be accessed from two different places. Students can access the work if they have been asked to self-isolate or in the event of school closure.

The work that has been set has been designed to last a two week period and should be completed in their books or saved in their school area. Sheets can be printed off or tasks drawn in to books/typed into Word. If the school was to be closed for a longer period of time more work will be uploaded on to the website and Show My Homework. We have also included staff email addresses on the school website if students want to ask staff any questions about the work. Our staff will be working normal school hours in the event of school closure, however, do not expect an instant reply.

In the case of Year 11, we understand the Government's plan is that GCSE exams will carry on as normal and so we encourage Year 11 students to continue their preparation as normal and to make full use of the revision materials given to them by their teachers, including past papers.

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The latest Government advice about the Coronavirus can be accessed through the school website "Latest News" and I advise Parents to continue to keep up to date with the latest advice. It is quite clear from all the guidance that general hygiene is key to keeping the Coronavirus at bay and I encourage Parents and students to ensure that they are regularly washing their hands with soap and water. To reassure Parents all our toilets have plenty of soap and classrooms have tissues and hand gel. Our cleaners are regularly wiping down surfaces, door handles, keyboards, light switches, sinks and toilets to try to prevent the spread of this virus.

Can I ask Parents to check the school website, school facebook page, Staffordshire County Council website and text messages for further information regarding either school closure or the school re-opening.

Thank you for your co-operation. I have no doubt that we will get through this if we all pull together and we heed the advice of the experts.

Yours sincerely

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