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ADAMS COLLEGE SIXTH FORM CENTRE ADAMS HOUSE (BOARDING)

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Dear parents,

As you are probably aware, the Government's guidance on Coronavirus has changed from the 'contain' phase to one of delaying the spread of the virus. We are getting in touch to let you know what we are doing in light of this, and what we expect from all members of our community to maintain a safe environment.

We would like to reassure you that, at Thomas Adams School, we are taking the necessary steps to protect our community and are continuing to follow official guidance from the Department for Education (DfE), Public Health England (PHE) and the Boarding Schools Association (BSA).

What's the current situation?

- The school remains open – this is the current official guidance from the Government
- As of the 17th March all 'non-essential' events will be postponed. This includes – fixtures, parents' evenings, shows and trips.
- Pupils should attend school unless they feel unwell – if your child has either of the following symptoms they should remain at home for 7 days.
 - A temperature above 37.8 degrees and/or
 - A new, continuous cough
- If your child is unwell, report their absence in the usual way on 01939 237000.
- We will keep you up to date with any changes to the current situation – this will be communicated via letter, text, website and our Facebook and Instagram accounts.

What we are doing to ensure pupils and staff remain safe?

- We have, on display, all the relevant posters from the PHE and the NHS
- All classrooms have tissues available so that pupils can 'Catch it. Kill it, Bin it'
- All high contact points are being cleaned and sanitized – door handles, desk tops, banisters, keyboards and mice.
- All soap dispensers in departments and toilets are checked on an hourly basis.
- Pupils and staff have been spoken to about the ways they can minimise the risk to themselves
- All visitors are required to wash their hands when they enter the school

What we need you to help us with;

- If you have recently changed your contact details, please inform the school office as soon as possible via email (enquiries@thomasadams.net) or telephone 01939 237000



- Come and collect your child straight away, if we ask you to (we will contact you if your child displays any symptoms)
- We have put in place an online provision using Microsoft Teams either via students' email or via the App on their phone. Pupils have been shown how to log onto the platform and how they will be set work on the site. Please check that they are prepared for the online learning and contact us if there are any issues.

What happens if the school has to close?

We will only close if we are officially advised to do so, or we don't have enough staff to safely run the school. In either case, we will;

- contact parents via Text, via an announcement on our website and postings on our Facebook and Instagram sites.
- use the same methods to inform parents about the reopening of the school.
- expect pupils to complete the online work that is set, so that they are continuing to prepare for future assessments.

Please keep in mind that this letter is for information to help the community prepare. There are currently no plans to close the school.

If you have any questions, please consult;

- School office, if you have any questions about our response to date
- NHS, if you want to know more about the symptoms of Coronavirus.
- If you think you or your child may have the symptoms, use NHS 111 online or call 111.
- Department for Education's Coronavirus helpline: 0800 046 8687, if you have any questions about the Government's response in relation to schools

This is a difficult time and we know that you will have concerns about the impact this might have on your family and our community. It is important that we keep each other safe by following the guidelines and communicating openly about any concerns we may have.

Thank you for your continued support.



Mark Cooper
Headteacher