

Stour Valley Community School

17 March 2020

Dear Parents/Carters

We continue to run all lessons today as normal, with some groups being covered by a different teacher. Going forward, student groups may have to be changed if staff are off for 14 days. Student absence is higher than yesterday and we have a larger number of students self-isolating due to having cold symptoms or potential COVID-19 symptoms themselves or family members with symptoms. This figure is at 75 students today.

The government briefing yesterday made clear that anyone with one of two key symptoms (a high temperature and a continuous cough) should self-isolate for 14 days, and so should the rest of their household. Furthermore, anyone with underlying health issues or in the high-risk group should self-isolate. We would therefore not expect any students or staff in that situation to be in school or to return within fourteen days. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19>

We continue to emphasise that you, as parents and carers, must make decisions that are right for you and your family situation in these unprecedented times. Our staff will also need to make those decisions. We continue to follow closely all guidance from NHS England and government advice.

Where students are self-isolating and are well enough to complete work, staff have been asked to put work covered in lessons into the Student Shared area **where practical**. This does mean that **there may not** be something for every lesson missed. If the school closes, we have a plan in place to set work for all students, but staff are currently focusing on teaching the students that are here. We will continue to review this.

Cancelled Events and Activities

The Year 8 Parents/Carers' Evening on the calendar for next Thursday 26 March is cancelled.

Year 10 Work Experience Mock Interviews are cancelled.

Year 9 Options Assembly will go ahead today – information will be emailed home to Year 9 students who are absent.

After school sessions:

Debating Society - cancelled until further notice.

Martial Arts - cancelled until further notice.

Psychology revision sessions - cancelled until further notice.

All PE clubs - cancelled until further notice.

Kind regards



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