



19<sup>th</sup> March 2020 9.30am

Dear Parent/Guardian

### **Update on Coronavirus (COVID-19)**

Following yesterday's Government announcement, I am sure you are concerned about the education offer for your children.

#### **GCSE and A level examinations**

The Ofqual website says: 'We welcome the certainty that the Secretary of State's decision not to hold exams this summer provides in these challenging circumstances. We will now work urgently with the Department for Education to work through the detail of this decision and to provide more information as soon as possible'.

We are working closely with the Local Authority and other RBWM schools and we will be working hard to ensure that no child is disadvantaged as a result of this situation. We will do everything within our power to ensure that students achieve the best possible outcomes.

#### **Online learning**

School is open for pupils in years 10, 11, 12 and 13 tomorrow.

- Years 7, 8 and 9 will continue their education using the lessons appearing on DODDLE. We are committed to ensuring the best quality learning through the online systems we have in place.
- We are also working to develop the use of Microsoft teams to improve the delivery of content to teaching groups. Work will be set for Years 10 and 12 using online provision and guidance and further information will be shared as soon as this is finalised.

#### **Key worker provision**

We are working with RBWM to develop a plan to support key workers as they strive to provide the wider care that is needed to keep the community safe and healthy.

Please do keep up to date with Government recommendations on how to deal with symptoms of the coronavirus: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-people-with-confirmed-or-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

Finally, we will look forward to meeting again as soon as we are permitted to do so.

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your on-going support and understanding during this challenging and uncertain situation. We will continue to prioritise the health and welfare of our young people and staff, whilst being mindful of our responsibility to maintaining education provision as best as we can.

Yours sincerely

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