



Serenity School

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I'm sure you are aware of the Government's latest status on Coronavirus, particularly in keeping schools open while advising on increased personal hygiene and self-isolation. Term will end on April 3rd as planned, but we appreciate some of your arrangements may mean removing your child ahead of this date; we understand this and will support your decision.

However, the School will be continuing lessons as normal as well as following all relevant advice from Public Health England and the Department for Education. We are also aware that our children who have an EHCP with specific diagnosis will struggle with the concept of this virus and the applied impact it could have on them and loved ones. This can and will create anxiety and fear. We understand this clearly and will support families with their decision whether to send their children to school or not.

Currently, we have had no cases of the disease at Serenity School, however some children are isolated at home because of family members showing symptoms related to the Covid 19 Coronavirus. We are acutely aware that at any time the official guidance may change and we could be instructed to close. In addition to this, school leaders will also have to monitor the ratio of staff to pupils on site and make daily calculations on health and safety grounds and our ability to deliver the curriculum, offer meals and to keep staff safe and healthy as well. The school has a clear contingency plan in place to ensure learning will continue at home. Home learning packs are ready and will be with you should the situation develop.

If any students do leave before the end of term or the School is forced to close, work will be set and circulated via paper learning packs and e-mail for exam groups. They will be expected to complete and return the tasks that are set according the deadlines given. I am aware that a number of students in Year 11 are concerned about the potential impact of the virus upon the summer examinations. With this in mind, Ofqual released the following statement earlier this week: "We recognise that students, parents, schools and colleges

will be concerned about the possible impact of coronavirus on the 2020 summer exam series. Our advice at this time is to continue to prepare for exams and other assessments as normal.

I am also conscious that student travel arrangements can become complex due to heightened fear of travel in the confined space of a taxi whilst sharing the car with others or on public transport. With this in mind, parents should speak directly with our pastoral team at school for advice and guidance.

Academic Review Day for parents was due for April 2nd will be postponed until July. However, your child's report and update on academic progress will be posted out to you before April 3rd. We have taken the decision to cancel end of term reward trips due to the continued closure of businesses that provide for mass type gatherings such as Thorpe Park. We are reviewing other School activities and will advise on any further changes as soon as we can. We will continue to keep you updated with the latest official advice. Please contact the School if you have any concerns.

Yours Sincerely,

Mr Onye

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Headteacher