



17th March, 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

COVID-19 (Coronavirus)

As you know, we have been working to the latest Public Health England and government guidance re COVID-19 at all times. Yesterday evening that guidance changed quite significantly. This means that we have now:

- Postponed Thursday's Year 12 HE and Alternatives to HE Information Evening
- Cancelled Year 10 Parents' Evening, calendared for 1st April.

If you are a parent of a Year 10 student and you have urgent concerns, please email school (info@princehenrys.co.uk) stating the subject and the relevant member of staff, and someone will respond via email or telephone call. We will contact parents of Year 12 students as soon as we are able to provide an alternative date for the Year 12 HE and Alternatives to HE Information Evening. In addition, the relevant information will be posted in the sixth form area of the school website.

The changes to the self-isolation guidance announced yesterday may affect you and your family and what action you should take. You can find the updated guidance here:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-social-distancing-and-for-vulnerable-people/guidance-on-social-distancing-for-everyone-in-the-uk-and-protecting-older-people-and-vulnerable-adults>

In the meantime, continue to regularly remind your son or daughter about the importance of good hygiene: Coughing and sneezing into a tissue and washing hands regularly with soap and water are the best ways to reduce the spread of the virus. Please encourage your son or daughter to carry tissues with them at all times.

Senior Leaders have developed plans that will be implemented should there be high levels of staff absence, or school closure, in the future. We are waiting for guidance regarding the upcoming examination season. Decisions about these things will be made at the appropriate time, in response to the specific situation and in line with the updated government guidance for schools.

Residential trips

As I explained in my previous letter, the government has advised against **all international school trips** with immediate effect, though has not indicated how long this advice will be in place. Unfortunately, we have not yet received any further advice, and are therefore unable to confirm at this stage which foreign visits will definitely be cancelled. Please be assured that we will contact those parents/carers concerned as soon as possible when we have more information. In the meantime, however, I would advise that:

- Foreign visits due to take place between now and the May half-term holiday. It seems increasingly likely that these trips will be cancelled, and we are seeking urgent clarification from tour companies and our insurers regarding next steps.
- Foreign visits due to take place after the May half-term holiday (including those scheduled for the next school year). Although we are not yet able to confirm which of these trips will take place, we would advise that you continue to follow the monthly payment schedule for the moment. Further information will be provided as soon as it is available.

Currently, **all UK-based trips** are expected to take place as scheduled (with the exception of the Year 8 rugby trip to Rosslyn Park).

Once again, we would respectfully ask that parents/carers do NOT contact school to ask for further details, as we have no additional information at this time.

I'm sure you will appreciate that the situation is changing at an incredibly fast pace. We are working hard to reflect the latest government guidance in order to keep everyone as safe as possible, whilst maintaining a level of 'normality' wherever we can.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Janet Sheriff', written in a cursive style.

Ms Janet Sheriff
Executive Headteacher