



STONAR

Independent day & boarding school
Nursery – Sixth Form

Tuesday 17 March 2020

Dear Parents,

Having considered the Government's announcement yesterday evening in detail, and weighing it against third party and sectoral advice, we have decided that, from today until further notice, Stonar will operate a 'core business only' policy. Schools are open and so lessons and internal activities and clubs will continue, but we will cancel or postpone non-essential events. We are working through the calendar and we will give more detail on this later today, but events to be cancelled or postponed will include:

- off-site school trips
- sports fixtures
- parent / guardian consultation evenings
- tours of the school by external visitors
- other school events, e.g Chicago

Pupils and staff are very much aware of their responsibilities when it comes to taking all measures necessary in our community to mitigate risk of infection. In addition, the Government advice yesterday was that key groups should take "particular care to minimise their social contact"; and anyone living with someone who has a persistent cough or a temperature should stay at home for 14 days. In other words, the whole household will need to isolate for 14 days. I recommend use of the NHS on-line 111 service (<https://111.nhs.uk/covid-19>) to help you in any decision-making around this.

This announcement means that some pupils, and indeed, some staff, will need to stay at home. At the start of this week, we took the decision to upload all Senior School lesson materials to Show My Homework. Pupils have on-line access to Show My Homework and so they can continue to complete their studies for each lesson that they would normally be attending. Lessons are clearly labelled by day and lesson number; we hope this will allow pupils working from home to follow as normal a timetable as possible. Please go via your son or daughter's tutor if you have any questions. Mr Cunningham will be writing to Prep School parents shortly for more details on Prep School matters.

Mr Cunningham and I intend to send out a 'Daily Update' to keep you abreast of the fast-moving events with regard to Covid-19 (Coronavirus). There will be separate updates for the Senior School and the Prep. We will alert you to any relevant updated guidance from the Government and explain how it will affect school life. We will also seek to look ahead at the School Calendar, give information about various events and explain any further communication you might receive from the School during the remainder of that day. Today you will receive the following:

- More detail about the School Calendar and upcoming events this term
- Information about accessing learning from home, including a reminder/information about parent log-ins for Show My Homework.



I will be writing to boarders' parents separately later today, but it is important to remember that we are 'in loco parentis' for our boarders and so the boarding houses will continue to run as close to normal as possible.

My sincere thanks for your ongoing support and cooperation as we aim to continue the care and education we all take pride in delivering.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Matthew Way'.

Matthew Way
Headmaster