

11 March 2020

Re: Coronavirus Update

Dear Parents/Carers,

Further to our recent correspondence, I am writing to provide an update with regards to Coronavirus.

The school receives daily updates from the Department for Education and Public Health England. The below links provide further guidance:

- <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public>
- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19>
- <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

At this time, we have not been informed of any reason why we should need to close the school. There are currently no confirmed cases of Coronavirus from any students or staff at Hungerhill School. If a student begins to develop the symptoms of Coronavirus (a cough, high temperature, shortness of breath), parents should contact NHS 111 to seek medical advice. In the event of a confirmed case, the NHS and Public Health England will advise parents and the school on the course of action to take.

As previously communicated, the Department for Education have launched a new helpline to answer any questions about Coronavirus related to education:

Phone: 0800 046 8687 **Email:** DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk

Opening hours: 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday)

The Headteacher is reviewing the government's guidance daily, and will take all necessary action to protect the students and staff at Hungerhill School upon taking advice from Public Health England, the NHS and the Department for Education.



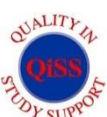
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The Department for Education have issued the below statement with regards to exam preparation and Ofqual advice:

“We recognise that students, parents, schools and colleges will be concerned about the possible impact of Coronavirus on the 2020 summer exam series. Ofqual’s advice at this time is to continue to prepare for exams and other assessments as normal.

Ofqual continues to work closely with exam boards, other regulators and the Department for Education to plan for a range of scenarios, as the public would expect. Our overriding priorities are fairness to students this summer and keeping disruption to a minimum.

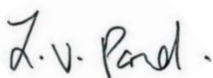
It is still many weeks until exams start and we will issue updated advice if necessary, giving schools and colleges as much notice as possible”.

However, I would like to reassure you that we have plans in place to ensure that, should we be directed to close by Public Health England, we have an action plan to ensure that all students would be able to access teacher support and work remotely through Frog Learn. Further details of this will be shared if/when it becomes appropriate to do so.

I would like to take this opportunity to ask that you kindly remind your child of the hygiene steps they should be taking to avoid the possible spread of the Coronavirus. To support in this, hand sanitisers have been issued across the school and are available in key areas and within every classroom or teaching base.


Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely



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