



St Edward's School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I know that you will be concerned by the developments across the world, and now in our own country, due to the Coronavirus. The spread of the Covid-19 virus is already placing pressure on public services, and we are likely to see such pressures grow. We find ourselves, therefore, in new territory; and it is important to do our best to secure the wellbeing of our students and our staff. I would like to thank Mrs Lane who, as School Business Manager, has kept you informed, on behalf of myself and the SLT, with developments in Government advice; and also to Mr Ricketts who, as Site Manager, has worked with his team to ensure that we are doing all that we can to reduce the risks of spreading any future infection within the campus. We will continue to monitor and implement Government advice in the days and weeks ahead.


Events may cause changes to schools' educational provision, at short-notice; and St Edward's is no different to any other school in this regard. I am conscious of the worries that many of our parents and carers will have in their own employment contexts; worries for their children, and for elderly relatives and friends. We will do our very best to look after our students for as long as we can, so that parents do not have the additional worry of childcare at home. I cannot discount the possibility that challenges faced by school staff in caring for their own families, and themselves, may reduce our capacity to offer a full educational provision in the days and weeks ahead. There is also the possibility that the Government may instruct full or partial school closure.

We are prepared for such eventualities, in continuing to provide education for your child if the school cannot function as normal. This includes children learning from home. Clearly such education will not be on a par with the usual service that would be possible in normal circumstances. We are similarly preparing to care for the pastoral needs of vulnerable students, and will continue to work with external services to meet their needs as fully as possible.

Students preparing for public examinations are especially in our thoughts. We are in close contact with Examination Boards, and will prioritise support for these students if usual school functions are compromised. Our examinations manager, Mr Taylor, will keep students and parents briefed as and when he receives relevant information.

I ask for your cooperation and understanding at this challenging time for all of us, as we navigate a fast-moving National healthcare crisis, and thank you for your support for all that our staff are doing to prepare for various possible scenarios ahead.

Your sincerely,



Mr M Antram
Headteacher