



# Perschore High School

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Dear Parents/Carers

You will understandably be concerned about the current situation regarding the spread of COVID-19. We are following all advice from the government and remain open as usual. Currently, we do not have any students or staff who have confirmed cases of the virus, however some are self-isolating following advice from NHS 111 or due to underlying health conditions.

At the present time, if your child or a close family member are considered vulnerable for any reason, it is up to you to decide whether or not your son/daughter should be self-isolating, and school will support this decision. However, current advice is that everyone should carry on as normal unless symptoms suggest the need for self-isolation ('new, continuous cough' or 'high temperature'; Source: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19>).

Should a student present with symptoms during school hours, we have a room set aside to keep them apart from the rest of the school; parents will be contacted to collect their son/daughter. Collection arrangements will involve avoiding the School Reception to minimise the potential risk of spreading the virus.

We want to inform you about all of the things we are doing to keep students and staff healthy and continue to provide the best possible education for your child in the circumstances:

- Encouraging all members of the school community to wash their hands frequently (or use hand sanitiser) and capture coughs and sneezes as per the government guidance
- Upscaling our cleaning provision
- Managing stocks of essential cleaning and sanitising products
- Encouraging 'social distancing' as a way of minimising unnecessary close contact between individuals; this includes cancelling some planned non-essential activities from now onwards; Sports fixtures, Duke of Edinburgh Route Planning (Y10), Year 12 UCAS exhibition at the University of Worcester and Sixth Form Parents' Evening from this week and we will continue to assess each event against current context
- Cancelling overseas school trips following government guidance. Further information about specific domestic school trips will follow for those directly affected
- Year 10 and 11 Revision Café will continue as normal for the time being.
- Planning for full or partial school closure including making learning resources available that can be accessed remotely to allow for independent learning at home; this information will be shared should the need arise. This provision will not be in place for individual students who are self-isolating, or absent for any other reason, as teachers will be delivering lessons in school prior to any full or partial closure
- Reviewing our examination contingency arrangements in line with Qualifications & Curriculum Authority (QCA) guidance. A reminder that the official examination period extends until Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June so all students must be available for rescheduled examinations up to and including this date.

In relation to the cancelled Sixth Form Parents' Evening and given the proximity of the A' Level exams, we are asking teachers of Year 13 to communicate any key messages they would have shared during appointments by email direct to parents (first named contact) and students. We will consider rescheduling Year 12 Parents' Evening for a future date though no decision has been made at this stage.

Finally, as further information arises, we will advise you by email and update our website accordingly. Any decisions will be taken following advice from the Department for Education or by the Public Health England Protection Team. Should you wish to check current guidance, it is frequently updated and available at:

<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>

We are very appreciative of the calm and measured way in which students and parents/carers are responding to this situation and thank you for your ongoing support in this regard.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'PH', written in a cursive style.

Phil Hanson  
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