

Dear Parents and Carers

17th March 2020

You will of course all be aware of the developing situation around Covid-19. We are continuing to be wholly responsible in fulfilling the duty of care we have to our students, staff and our wider school community, including you all, by following the advice and guidance from the Government and Public Health England.

With that at the forefront of our minds, we have taken the decision today that, because of staff shortages, caused by self-isolating as advised by the Government, we are closing the school to students in Year 10 on Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th March. However, students who study Health & Social Care and Performing Arts will be required to attend these lessons as normal and should meet in the Dining Hall at the following times:

- Performing Arts Wednesday 12.05pm-1.05pm & Thursday 11.05am-12.05pm
- Health & Social Care (Group A) Wednesday 9.50am-10.50am
- Health & Social Care (Group B) Wednesday 12.05pm-1.05pm & Thursday 11.05am-12.05pm

However, we are keeping the school open for the remaining year groups:

- This is because of the need to prioritise students who are due to have public examinations very soon.
- By remaining open for the younger year groups, we trust that we are alleviating childcare concerns that parents may have.

I want to reassure you that the reason for the part-closure, for students in Year 10, is solely so that we can focus our staff on other year groups, as explained above. Students in Year 10 will need to complete work set by their teachers by logging on to the Show My Homework portal on the following link:

<https://goodwinacademy.satchelone.com/school/homeworks/calendar>

Please use the following link for guidance and support to log in to the portal:

<https://help.teamsatchel.com/en/articles/2912165-logging-in-as-a-parent>

Paper copies of the uploaded work can be collected from Main Reception at 9am tomorrow morning for families that do not have access to IT resources and students in Year 10 who receive 'free school meals' can collect a lunch grab bag from Main Reception at 12.30pm if they wish to do so.

We will review the partial closure tomorrow and will update all parents and carers accordingly. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Yours sincerely
Mr S Smith
Principal