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## **Dear Parents and Carers**

You will be aware from the news that the government is considering all options in response to the CoVid-19 virus. This may involve closure of schools and workplaces. Should this happen, we already have arrangements in place to minimise any disruption to learning. To support this, should it be required, please ensure that your child is able to sign in to all of their Google Classroom accounts as this would be used to set and receive work.

With regard to Year 11 GCSE and Year 13 A Level exams, the current OFQUAL advice is to prepare as normal. However we are aware that the situation is constantly changing and will ensure that we are well-prepared for any possible disruption to the public exams this summer. We will contact you with any further updates to this.

We are receiving daily communications from both the Department of Education and Public Health England. If anyone has any concerns about any of these issues, the Department of Education has set up a helpline to answer questions related to education:

Telephone: 0800 046 8687

Email: DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk Opening hours: 8am - 6pm (Monday to Friday)

We will continue to keep you informed of any further developments via Parentmail. In the meantime, we are doing all we can in school to limit the potential for germs to spread, such as increasing cleaning of door handles, stairwells and balustrades. Our pupils have also received guidance on good hygiene during tutorial time.

Thank you in advance for your ongoing cooperation and understanding.

Yours faithfully

Thomas Leverage Executive Principal

