



Reading Girls' School

Principal: Jon Gargan

18th March 2020

Dear Parent / Guardian

Partial Closure – Thursday 19th March

I am sure you will have seen the Government announcements yesterday and the latest advice regarding self-isolation which has impacted on everyone in our community, including our staff. We have now evaluated the staffing requirements for today. Due to the increasing number of staff absent, I have made the difficult decision to partially close the school.

From tomorrow, the 19th March, the intention is that school will remain open for all girls in Year 11 and Year 10 only, this is in order for them to be able to complete key coursework before externally set deadlines as the exam boards and Ofqual have indicated that all exams are to run as normal for the foreseeable future. If there is a need to change this, we will, of course, keep you informed with as much notice as possible.

If you are a healthcare worker and need to have your child in school to enable you to fulfil your work requirements please contact the school as we may be able to accommodate your daughter whilst we remain open, however, please be aware that they will need to follow a different timetable from usual.

Work will be set via English, Maths and Science learning platforms for students to complete, all students already have their login details for Tassomi, Hegarty Maths and BedRock. If for any reason, your daughter doesn't know her login, please email her relevant teacher. If students are off for a longer period, we will provide further work and guidance. The expectation is that pupils should stay at home during normal school hours and complete their work.

We will re-evaluate our staffing levels on a daily basis and continue to work with parents and carers to give as much notice of any further closures should they be required. The school will continue to follow the advice from Public Health England and the Department of Education and keep parents and carers updated where appropriate.

I extend my best wishes to any families having to self-isolate or with a relative affected and I would again like to thank you for your ongoing support during these challenging times.

Yours sincerely

Jon Gargan
Principal