



Shirley High School

Performing Arts College

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TM/P/LCH/Potential School closure
16 March 2020

Dear Parent / Carer

RE: Potential school closure due to the spread of coronavirus

I'm sure you are aware of the outbreak of coronavirus (COVID-19) and the increase in the number of confirmed cases in the UK.

We take the health and safety of our students and staff very seriously and, while there is currently no cause for concern at our school, we will keep you updated with any developments, including any partial or full closures.

Current guidance from the Department for Education (DfE) and Public Health England (PHE) remains that schools stay open; however, it is possible that this advice may change as the spread of coronavirus continues. If we are required to close our school, we will take the necessary steps to ensure you are informed and protect the education of our students.

In the event that we do close the school, you will be informed via text message, email and the school website and advised on how long we expect the closure to last. Please check that you have provided us with your most up-to-date contact details to ensure you receive any correspondence regarding a closure. If you need to provide us with new details, please contact the school office on 0208 656 9755 or Office@shirley.croydon.sch.uk, or change the details via the Data Collection facility on the SIMs Parent App.

Arrangements for a school closure

Work will be uploaded to Fronter19 for students to complete. Please ensure your son / daughter has a working login and password to access Fronter19 as teaching staff have been directed to continue to upload work and / or revision materials during a closure.

In the meantime, we will continue to implement additional health protection measures and follow the relevant advice issued by the DfE and PHE.

Unless your child has tested positive for coronavirus, they should attend school as usual. If you think your child may have been exposed to or has coronavirus, please self-isolate for at least 7 days.

Please follow this link for more information to help you make the right decision when it comes to self-isolation - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-people-with-confirmed-or-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

Please can I ask all parents / carers and students to continue to be sensible with regards to hand washing - <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/best-way-to-wash-your-hands/>

Please note that we are not confirming that the school will close – we want to reassure you that if this were to happen, we are fully prepared to take action.

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Please note we are open as normal and please be assured that should this change we are truly prepared to take action to protect the health and education of our entire school community.

Yours sincerely

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