

Stour Valley Community School

16 March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

We want to be open and transparent with you about how the COVID-19 situation is impacting upon the school. Our staff situation today is normal, and we are running all classes as usual. We have a larger number (than Friday) of students self-isolating due to having cold symptoms or potential COVID-19 symptoms themselves or family members with symptoms. This figure is at 36 students today.

We ask that students and parents/carers of students who are self-isolating do not contact individual teachers about missed work; this will support staff to manage the workload of ensuring that appropriate work is provided. Staff have been asked to put work covered in lessons (with the date of the lesson) into the Student Shared area **where practical**. This does mean that there may not be something for every lesson missed. We have now put a link for student remote access on the front page of our website, together with full instructions showing students how to log in. The link is also here, for your reference: <https://remote.stourvalley.org/index.html>

We have reiterated with students this morning the importance of regular handwashing and we have plenty of liquid soap to keep our soap dispensers topped up. There is also an enhanced cleaning regime around school.

I want to emphasise that you, as parents and carers, must make decisions that are right for you and your family situation in these unprecedented times. We continue to follow closely all guidance from NHS England and government advice. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19>

Year 9 Options Evening

We have decided to cancel Year 9 Options Evening on Thursday and we are bringing forward the Year 9 Options assembly to tomorrow. Staff will discuss option choices in lessons and students will be given the options booklets this week.

Kind regards



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