



Tuesday, 17 March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

RE: Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update

We are aware there have been communications issued from other schools in the local authority regarding the potential for closure in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Our SLT have discussed this at length, and we have agreed that Chepstow School will remain **open** for as long as possible, in order to support our community during this testing time. There may be a point in time where this decision is taken out of our hands, but we wish to reassure you of our commitment to keep the school open in the meantime.

Following the Prime Minister's update yesterday, we recognise the need for all members of the community to be particularly stringent in adhering to social distancing measures where they meet the relevant criteria, **including our staff**. This has inevitably impacted on our ability to deliver our pre-planned timetable. Therefore, we are doing everything we can to ensure that your child receives an education in a safe environment, during this time.

We encourage you to speak to your child about the potential delivery of lessons through remote learning (Microsoft Teams), which we are working tirelessly to facilitate should there be a full or partial closure in the future.

We recognise your support and we will keep you fully informed as the situation develops and/or Government advice changes. We are taking advice from the LA on a daily basis and we are sharing our strategy with our Cluster Primary Head's.

With best wishes

Matthew Sims  
Headteacher