



17th March 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian

COVID - 19 (Update)

Further to my letter dated 13th March 2020, I am writing to update you on the Government's latest advice regarding Covid-19 (coronavirus).

As part of the Government's measures to tackle the spread of COVID-19, anyone living in a household with someone who has either a persistent cough and/or a fever (a temperature above 37.8°C) will need to stay at home in isolation for 14 days. **The 14 day period starts from the day when the first person in the house became ill.** The Government is also advising those who are at increased risk of severe illness (vulnerable groups) from COVID-19 to adopt more stringent social distancing measures. **If this applies to your child they must stay at home until further notice and we will arrange for work to be sent to them via email.**

Below you will find links to the latest advice published by the Government. The first link contains information on who is deemed a 'vulnerable group' (**please check this if your child has an underlying medical condition**) and the second link provides guidance for households with possible COVID-19.

1. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-social-distancing-and-for-vulnerable-people/guidance-on-social-distancing-for-everyone-in-the-uk-and-protecting-older-people-and-vulnerable-adults>
2. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

In summary, the current Government advice is as follows:

*Category 1: if you live alone and you have symptoms of coronavirus illness (COVID 19), however mild, stay at home for **7 days** from when your symptoms started.*

*Category 2: If you live with others and you or one of them have symptoms of coronavirus, then all household members must stay at home and not leave the house for **14 days**. **The 14 day period starts from the day when the first person in the house became ill***

*Category 3: if you are at increased risk of severe illness (vulnerable group) from COVID 19, **do not attend Sixth Form until further notice*** <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-social-distancing-and-for-vulnerable-people/guidance-on-social-distancing-for-everyone-in-the-uk-and-protecting-older-people-and-vulnerable-adults>

The Government has also advised individuals or groups to avoid non-essential gatherings. Regrettably, this means that both Y12 and Y13 Parents' Evening have been postponed until further notice.

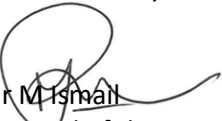
The Sixth Form remains open and timetabled lessons continue as per normal routines. Students should continue to attend unless they fall into one of the categories highlighted above in which case parents/carers should email me directly mismail@ncs6.org to let me know their child will be absent from Sixth Form.

Should the Sixth Form be forced to close then arrangements are in place to provide for remote learning, the details of which I shared with you in my letter dated 13th March 2020.

Until we hear otherwise, students must continue to prepare for their A levels/end of Y12 examinations as normal. We will continue to monitor the situation and I will write to you once again should there be further updates from the Government or if I am required to make organisational changes which may impact the Sixth Form timetable/day.

I encourage all members of our community to keep up to date with the Government's latest advice and guidance.

Yours faithfully


Mr M Ismail
Principal of the NCS