



13th March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

We are monitoring the situation regarding Coronavirus COVID-19 on a daily basis and following guidance from Public Health England. However, given the current uncertainty, we wanted to update you on our contingency plans for a variety of scenarios, including a temporary closure if instructed to do so by Public Health England.

In these circumstances, rumours on social media and online news outlets can sometimes cause confusion. To ensure reliable and clear communication from the school, our website <https://www.halewoodacademy.co.uk> and social media accounts will be used as the official method of communication in the event of temporary closure. These are;

Facebook – Halewood Academy

Twitter - @HalewoodAcademy

Instagram - halewood_academy

In the case of a school closure we will do our best to ensure that ALL students have access to work that they can complete at home. This will include;

- Use of the existing online facilities such as Hegarty Maths, Educake, Seneca Learning & BBC Bitesize
- An online platform for all students which will have resources provided by Halewood Academy staff – details will be made available when necessary
- Year 11 students will be provided with GCSE revision materials through the online platform
- Where possible, Year 11 students will be provided with other materials to support their learning at home

We hope that implementing such plans will not be necessary but we will endeavour to ensure that any potential disruption to our students' education is minimal. We are also reviewing all school trips. We await official confirmation from the travel companies involved on this.

The Year 9 Parents' Evening, scheduled for Thursday 19th March, and Year 11 Mock GCSE Results Evening, scheduled for Monday 30th March, have been postponed.

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Our current intention is to reassure, not to alarm, and we are continuing with our advice to students to wash their hands carefully and cover their mouth when sneezing and coughing. Where available, regular use of hand sanitizer is advisable. So far, attendance of students and staff in our schools has been unaffected and we thank parents for their support in this. We will continue to keep you updated should the situation change. If you are concerned at all, please refer to the following website; <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>.

Thank you for your continued support and for your understanding in this matter.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G Evans', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mr G Evans
Principal