



**ALTON
HAVANT
SOUTH DOWNS**

Dear Parents & Carers

17th March 2020

Coronavirus update

Currently, and in line with Government advice, the College remains open. There are no known confirmed cases of Coronavirus at any of our campuses. We continue to work with our students in encouraging prevention of the spread of the virus through good handwashing hygiene, the catch it, bin it kill it approach and the use of sanitisers.

If your son or daughter is presenting symptoms of a high temperature and a persistent cough then please follow the Public Health England Stay at Home guidance <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>. This states that “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”.

Please make sure that you notify the relevant campus by contacting the absence line (Alton campus: 01420 592200, Havant & South Downs campuses: 023 9387 9999) of any absences so that we are aware. Please use this line rather than contacting teachers or tutors directly.

The Senior Leadership Team has developed a comprehensive plan with a series of measures to mitigate against any potential loss of learning that might occur as a result of the Coronavirus, including if the Government makes the decision to close all schools and colleges. This plan includes our approaches to remote learning. The Senior Leadership Team is working through this plan with the wider College Management Team and the staff body as a whole.

If your son or daughter has a chronic underlying health issue we understand that this may be a particularly anxious time and fully support your decision if you wish your son or daughter to self-isolate. The list of conditions includes conditions such as diabetes, lung disease, heart disease, high blood pressure and cancer. For further advice on this please visit the NHS 111 website.

If your son or daughter is currently in receipt of Free School Meals please note that in the event of a College closure payments will be made weekly and our Finance team will be communication with students about this.

We are in communication with our insurers regarding reimbursement of international field trips following the government advice against all overseas education trips until further notice. We will inform you when we have clarity on the situation. We have also made the decision to cancel all forthcoming domestic trips from this Thursday, 19th March. If there are any exceptions to this we will notify students directly.



Mike Gaston, Principal & CEO

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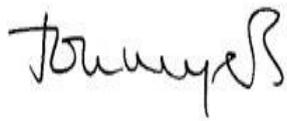
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As a further precaution we have also made the decision to cancel any planned work placements starting from Monday 23rd March. We will continue to review the situation regarding trips and work placements.

We all know that this is a very fluid situation which is changing rapidly, but we will update you as appropriate, and thank you for your continued understanding.

Yours sincerely

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Jon Myers
Vice Principal – Student Services

