



# DARRICK WOOD SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer

Throughout the current COVID-19 (coronavirus) situation we have continued to follow government advice and managed to keep the School open and running almost as normal. It has not been easy and I am very grateful for your support in what has become an increasingly difficult time for everyone.

As a result of the government's announcements yesterday, we now have a number of self-isolating staff and also staff who fit the high risk category who are now unable to be in school. Unfortunately, this means we have had to take the decision that from tomorrow, Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> March 2020, students in Years 8, 9, 10 and 12 should not attend school. Those in Years 7, 11 and 13 should attend and we will provide them with as normal a school day as possible in the circumstances. They should bring to school everything they would normally bring according to their timetable.

We would hope to set some work for students in Years 8, 9, 10 and 12 and they should check Bromcom throughout the day. However in the event that this is not possible, we draw your attention to the list of online resources now available on our website here (<http://news.darrickwood.bromley.sch.uk/?p=1043>).

The School would like to be able to support parents who are key workers as defined by the government who are not in a position to provide childcare. They should notify us by email to [keyworker@darrickwood.bromley.sch.uk](mailto:keyworker@darrickwood.bromley.sch.uk) before 8am to let us know that we should expect their child in school. We will provide a supervised room where they can complete learning activities. They should report to the Main Hall on arrival at school. Their timetable will not be as normal but they should however bring their planner, full equipment and reading book.

All students attending school must of course follow the uniform policy and dress code as usual.

As notified earlier all sports extra-curricular clubs will not run other than sessions for GCSE PE students preparing for moderation next week. Given the circumstances we will now also not run any other extra-curricular clubs until further notice. The Spring Concert and Gymnastics Show are cancelled.

Year 10 parents' evening next week is postponed. We will be in touch regarding this in due course, either with an alternative date or alternative method of communicating with you about the progress of your children.

Whilst I understand these arrangements are going to be challenging, I hope you appreciate this decision has not been taken lightly and only after considering carefully all of our options. We will monitor the situation, look for further advice from the government and write to you again as soon as we know more.

Yours sincerely

Dr M J Airey  
Head Teacher