

# DARWEN VALE HIGH SCHOOL

An Aldridge Community Academy 

16<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

I would like to keep you up to date with actions being taken at Darwen Vale High school in relation to the current situation across the UK with coronavirus. **We are following the advice of PHE (Public Health England) and the DFE. That advice at this time as I am sure you are aware is that schools should stay open.**

On Friday I briefed the staff and delivered assemblies to all students on actions that we are taking in school. I explained and showed the government videos on hand washing. I reiterated the importance of us having accurate contact details for staff and students. These should include two phone numbers, your address and email address if you have one. I also updated the children and staff on how to spot the symptoms and what to do if you suspect that you may have coronavirus (Ring 111 and follow medical advice). I also described the additional precautions that our cleaning team are taking – cleaning all surfaces including door handles. The cleaners are all equipped with Covid 19 cleaning kits and tool kits for infection control. At this moment in time nobody in BwD has been tested positive for Coronavirus. Should this change or any member of the Vale community test positive for the virus we will conduct a risk assessment. If you do suspect that your child may have symptoms of the virus, then contact 111 and follow medical advice. Follow the usual procedures for reporting absence and this will be recorded as authorised.

Should the current advice change at any time in the near future I wanted to give you advance notice of the steps we are taking. It is our intention that any disruption to your child's education is kept to an absolute minimum. **Please continue to check our website [www.darwenvale.com](http://www.darwenvale.com) and social media @DarwenVale for updates and do not hesitate to contact us via these platforms should you require further information.**

Our subject leaders have prepared a wealth of resources for your child to complete in line with the timetable of our school day. Subsequent letters will be sent outlining our expectations for work completion that is specific to each year group. There will also be documents that provide guidance on how to access online learning, through either the school website, class charts, or other online platforms such as a learning platform we have bought into called Century tech. We will also be sending out work packs for all students.

Please be aware that any work that is completed online or otherwise will be marked by your child/ward's subject teachers and we thank you in supporting the school in advance for ensuring that this is completed to the highest standard.

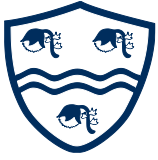
We are also looking into how we can provide virtual teaching for Key Stage 4 initially, and again further information containing instructions how your child can access online tutoring will also be emailed and displayed on the school website.

Of course we are hopeful that none of this will be necessary but we believe that being proactive and ensuring that we are prepared is the best strategy.

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May I take this opportunity to wish you all well.

Any questions please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Yours sincerely,



Matthew Little  
Principal