

17<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

I just wanted to write to you following the current Coronavirus situation and associated decisions to close parts of the school, as discussed in previous correspondence.

Making this decision and evaluating all of the variables is one of the most difficult things to do as a Head. We want to maximise learning at all times, but we have to balance this with safety of students, staff, and families.

This morning we were in the situation where we have a significant number of staff absent from the college. This has significantly reduced the college's ability to run safely moving forward which resulted in several class closures (all families affected by the closures have been notified). The decision to close classes isn't ideal, but took into account the rapidly changing situation. We have considered various factors including staff absence, medical needs and class ratios.

We are constantly trying to respond to rapidly changing guidance from the Government on a daily basis. We will endeavour to keep you up to date with any developments as they happen. This will happen via parent mail and the college website.

Thank you all for your support and understanding at this time, if you would like to contact me please email me on <u>head@mgcollege.co.uk</u>.

Yours sincerely

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