



SRE/lt

16 March 2020

Dear Parent or Carer,

As you are aware the Government announced last week that they have moved from the Contain phase to the Delay phase in response to the coronavirus (COVID-19).

The Department for Health and Social Care have asked anyone who shows certain symptoms to stay at home for 7 days, regardless of whether they have travelled to affected areas. This means people should stay at home and avoid all but essential contact with others for 7 days from the point of displaying mild symptoms, to slow the spread of infection.

This has meant that some Southchurch High School staff have had to self-isolate. As such it has become difficult to cover all lessons due to staff absence within the school. We are reluctant to employ external supply staff as it could increase the chance of infection.

It has therefore been necessary to consider partial school close to ensure the safe, effective running of the school.

From Tuesday 17 March the school will operate the following pattern of partial closure:

	Tuesday 17/3	Wednesday 18/3	Thursday 19/3	Friday 20/3
Year 7	Attend as normal	Attend as normal	Attend as normal	Do not Attend
Year 8	Do not Attend	Attend as normal	Attend as normal	Attend as normal
Year 9	Attend as normal	Do not Attend	Attend as normal	Attend as normal
Year 10	Attend as normal	Attend as normal	Do not Attend	Attend as normal
Year 11	Attend as normal	Attend as normal	Attend as normal	Attend as normal

These arrangements may be subject to review as the coronavirus (COVID-19) situation changes.

Please check our website regularly for further updates.

Yours sincerely

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