



# The Matthew Arnold School

Part of the Bourne Education Trust



March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

## **Coronavirus - partial school closure** **School closed for students in years 7, 8 & 9 - Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March**

I have been keeping the impact of coronavirus on the staffing situation under close scrutiny with my leadership team. I have today, with the approval of the Bourne Education Trust, reached the conclusion that as a result of staff illness and self-isolation I can no longer safely keep the school open to all students.

Year 11 students have been prioritised in order to support them in their preparation for their forthcoming external examinations. The current staffing situation means that students in year 10 can also be taught. Both year groups (10 and 11) should attend school as normal in full school uniform, ensuring they bring all the required resources for their timetabled lessons.

These arrangements will be reviewed daily, and if it is necessary to alter them, we will give you as much notice as we are able to through the school website. We will also send texts and emails where at all possible.

Year groups that are unable to attend school will be set tasks appropriate for their age and ability, distributed through Show My Homework. Staff who are able to attend school will do their best to stay in contact through the usual channels with those students who have to remain at home. Staff will be observing normal school hours, so are unlikely to be in contact outside these hours. Please encourage your child to make every effort with their studies, whether at home or at school. The more of a routine that can be established, the less unsettling the current situation is for all.

This is a challenging and stressful time, and I am very aware of the impact that partially closing the school has on families, so please be assured this is not a decision I have taken lightly.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Mary Gould  
Headteacher