

Appendix 2: COVID-19

On **Monday 23 March 2020**, all schools in the UK closed to prevent the spread of COVID-19/ Coronavirus. The School has remained open for those students that have been identified as being vulnerable based on the UK Government's description and those students in school who have been deemed 'otherwise vulnerable' by the Headmaster. In addition, the School is open to the students of key workers in Years 7 and 8 who are not safe at home.

The School Behaviour Policy continues to apply to those students attending during the school closure. This has been stated to parents of students attending.

During this time, the School will continue to set work for students in all years. Although, public examinations have been cancelled, work will be set for students in Year 11 until early May and for students in Year 13, mid-May, the conclusion of their courses prior to the commencement of study leave. After the completion of work, students remain members of the School until August 31. (Year 11 students joining our Year 12 will be rolled over into the new year.)

The School, working in partnership with others continues to exercise our Safeguarding duty. The Child protection and Safeguarding Policy (GA) has also been amended.

On **Thursday 5 November**, England was put into new national restrictions to try to control the second wave of the virus. These controls are to be reviewed on Wednesday 2 December.

Although Schools continue to remain open, students have been made aware that they need to observe the national restrictions as they make their way to and from school. This includes not meeting in groups of two or more outside their household/ support bubble.

In addition, Sixth Form students are not permitted to leave the site during the School day except to attend prior appointments.

Finally, any student who participates in events outside School that might encourage the spread of the virus in School, will be directed to study at home, accessing resources remotely. This could include attending parties, public gatherings which are expressly forbidden under the new restrictions, etc. Only the Head or the Deputy Head, can direct students to study at home on the basis that their behaviour outside School presents a risk to others. Any student who cannot be accommodated safely at home will work in isolation in School.

On **Monday 4 January**, the UK was put into a new national lockdown. The updated Tier 5 message stated that everyone should **Stay at Home**. The School remains open to all critical worker and vulnerable/ otherwise vulnerable students, based on the UK Government's definition. Schools have been informed that they will close until at least February 15.

Students working in School, or those working remotely, are attending their timetabled lessons as normal via Teams. Expectations about using Teams professionally has been explained to students.

The School's Behaviour Policy remains in place. Students sanctioned for serious misbehaviour working remotely will be removed from accessing Teams on a fixed term basis. Other privileges will also be removed for a fixed term period. Students attending School can still be

internally excluded for issues, as defined by the Behaviour Policy. Any student who is internally excluded will be removed to a separate COVID safe part of the School.

Updates to the Behaviour Policy

3. Definitions

The following examples are **in addition** to those appearing in the current policy. They are not exhaustive:

Misbehaviour

- Inappropriate use of school-based e-communication devices to share gossip, etc.
- Failing to complete work set by teacher remotely

Serious misbehaviour

- Involvement in activities which are counter to the Government's guidance of social distancing, 'stay home, etc
- Involvement in activities where the School is associated with the students' wilful disregard in said activity. (Eg: gathering as a group of CGS students in a public space with members that are not a part of their household)
- **Offensive and wilful misuse of school-based e-communication directed at another student, students, staff member, community, etc. 'Offensive' can include sexist, racist, homophobic, religious, LGBTQ+ language, etc.**
- Involvement in any anti-social behaviour or activity which is associated with the School.

7.2 Off-site behaviour

In addition to the current provision and definition of off-site behaviour, the School's behaviour expectation has been updated to take account of the fact that even though parents/ guardians are responsible for the day to day behaviour of their student(s) during the school closure, where misbehaviour or serious misbehaviour is identified with the School, through direct or indirect actions, then the behaviour policy will apply. Examples are given above in section 3.

The School continues to view a structured behaviour policy which praises positive behaviour and challenges misbehaviour and serious misbehaviour as being fundamental to a successful community. It is equally important, during this closedown, that we seek to work with parents in ensuring appropriate behaviour.

The Governors allow the Headmaster, or in his absence, the Deputy Head to implement the policy as appropriate except in cases requiring permanent exclusion.