



18th March 2020

Dear  
Parents/Carers

### **Partial Closure due for Coronavirus**

As you will no doubt be aware, the impact of Coronavirus is being experienced in schools. As mentioned in my letter yesterday this has escalated with the new government guidelines for people to self-isolate for 14 days if they or anyone in their immediate family with a persistent cough and/or high temperature. These guidelines have already seen a number of staff self-isolate, which has had a significant impact on our ability to offer a full programme of education in school.

As a result, we have reluctantly taken the decision to implement a partial closure of school. This closure will be for Year 8 & Year 9, and initially be effective on Thursday 19th & Friday 20th March. School will open for Year 7, Year 10 and Year 11 as normal. The school website will be regularly updated with information about the closure, including information about returning to school.

Below are some guidelines to help ensure that learning may continue at home and students are kept safe should this closure become more widespread and prolonged and affect your child:

### **Student Work & Learning**

Throughout the closure work will be shared with students via Google Classrooms and the school learning gateway. This can be accessed from the link on the front page of the school website. Students should follow their school timetable to complete all the work that has been set by their teachers. All students have been trained in how to access google classrooms and the learning gateway, and how to return completed work to their teachers to be marked and feedback given. If you have any questions about student work during the school closure, please use the contact email: [studentprogress@carltonbolling.co.uk](mailto:studentprogress@carltonbolling.co.uk)

### **Keeping Your Child Safe**

If you have any non-emergency concerns regarding your child's wellbeing or safety please contact Mrs Byrne email: [t.byrne@carltonbolling.co.uk](mailto:t.byrne@carltonbolling.co.uk) or telephone 01274 648629. If you have a concern about another child's welfare or wellbeing, call Children's Social Care Initial on 01274 435600 (Office hours 8.30am to 5pm Monday to Thursday, 8.30am to 4.30pm on Friday). At all other times call the Social Services Emergency Duty Team on 01274 431010. If you have an emergency, or if you have reason to believe that a child is at immediate risk of harm, please contact emergency services on 999.

### **Free School Meals**

We want to ensure that school closures do not prevent those students on Free School Meals from having their lunch entitlement. To ensure this doesn't happen, students in year groups that are closed can still come into school between 12:00am & 12:30pm to get their school meal, either to eat in school or takeaway. If students wish to do this, we ask that they come in full school uniform so that we maintain school and safeguarding standards. However, bearing in mind current circumstances, students who are self-isolating due to Coronavirus should not come into school whilst they pose a possible danger to other students and staff.

### **Keeping you informed:**

We aim to keep you as informed as possible during the period of school closure. The main place to check for updates is the school website (<https://carltonbolling.co.uk>). We will also continue to use the schools texting service to keep you informed of any updates.

If you have any concerns about your child's physical health as a result of coronavirus, you should dial NHS- 111 as a first point of contact and then let school know if coronavirus has been confirmed.

Thank you for your continued support during this unprecedented time of school disruption. Despite the closure, as a community we can work together to ensure that we minimise the impact to your child's educational journey.

Yours sincerely



Mrs Jane Girt

Head of School