

13th March 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Covid-19 (Coronavirus) – An update

You may be aware that the government met yesterday to review the response to the Covid-19 virus. While they confirmed new measures have now been put in place, most importantly the government confirmed that:

- UK schools should remain open and continue to operate normally at this time. Ely College and Bishop Laney 6th Form will continue to follow the government's advice and will remain open until we are advised otherwise.

The government did announce an additional measure for schools that means:

- School trips abroad will not be permitted.

We will be reviewing what this means for our planned trip in May 2020 to Italy and will write to all parents separately about this matter.

This does mean our planned trip to France on 21st and 22nd March 2020 will now need to be cancelled. We will be writing to everyone that had signed up for this trip separately.

We will continue to update you on the situation as new announcements are made by the government, and want to reassure you that the school's leadership team are preparing for all possible scenarios. This is an extraordinary period of time for everyone, including schools, and I want to thank you for your continued patience and understanding.

At present, we intend to proceed with Year 7 parents' evening on Tuesday 17th March.

For now, we encourage you to keep monitoring the government's advice – the information can be found on the websites listed below:

- <https://www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/coronavirus-covid-19-uk-government-response>
- <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Yours faithfully



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