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Dear Parents / Carers

I'm writing in response to the increasing number of questions about Blaise High School's response to the COVID-19 virus.

I wanted to ensure you were aware that Blaise High School has and will continue to follow guidance set out from the Department of Education and Public Health England. With this in mind, Blaise High School will continue to be open and run as normal as per said guidance. Full details of the latest guidance can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-people-with-confirmed-or-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Following recent news stories and the latest Cabinet Office Briefing Room meeting (COBRA), it does appear that there is a possibility that schools and educational settings may be asked to close in the future. We always want to ensure we give our students the very best chance of success and this means giving them all the necessary support with their learning. We do have a clear plan of how we will ensure students can still access learning in this case.

Throughout the course of next week, we will share the details of this plan with students and begin to prepare them directly for this. Learning will be able to continue through a combination of online resources and work packs. More details will be sent to you should these be required to be launched.

We also recognise our wider social responsibility for the care and safeguarding of all our pupils. As above, we have a clear plan regarding how this can continue should we be required to shut.

I am very hopeful that Blaise High School can continue as normal throughout this time and thank you for your support.

Yours faithfully

Ms K Brown
Headteacher