

Wednesday 18th March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

This evening the Government has announced that schools will be closed at the end of the week, with the exception of identified students. We are waiting on further information in order to action this and will update you as soon as it is received. The Prime Minister also announced that there will be provision for those students who are eligible for free school meals, again once we have more information we will contact those parents. We are now at one of the most difficult and unprecedented periods in our lifetime.

The safeguarding and mental well-being of our students and pupils, as well as teaching and supporting our young people in their academic achievements, is paramount to all of us within the Apollo Partnership Trust.

All of the schools within our Trust schools have made a commitment to ensure that all of our students and pupils are offered daily support both academically and pastorally.

Each school has put together information regarding our young people working at home, which will be available on each school website, and for all schools it can also be found on the Apollo Partnership Trust website.

- www.castlerock.leics.sch.uk
- www.newbridgesch.uk
- www.broom-leys.leics.sch.uk
- www.kinged.org.uk
- www.apollopartnershiptrust.uk

In addition to following an Academic Study Programme, the following actions will also be put in to place from Monday 23rd March:

- A member of staff from your child's school will act as a Virtual Mentor and will be responsible for making daily contact with you, during normal school days, via a telephone call.
- During term time, each day that the school is closed, the allocated member of staff (Virtual Tutor) will get in touch with parents to:
 - 1) Ask if there are any questions regarding the work that has been set. These will be passed on to the relevant staff who will then make further contact.
 - 2) Check on the health and well-being of the student/pupil.
 - 3) Give you an opportunity to ask any other questions. Again where relevant, these may be passed on and further contact made.
- For our 6th Form students, contact will be made via subject email groups, and in addition, may be contacted by phone.
- Should you have changed your contact number, and not informed your child's school, please inform the school as a priority, before the end of the day tomorrow.
- Each day the Leader of each school will report to me as the Trust Leader.

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- In addition, should you need to further contact school or the Trust, please do so via the school/Trust emails:
 - office@castlerock.leics.sch.uk
 - info@newbridgesch.uk
 - cedar@broom-leys.leics.sh.uk
 - office@kinged.org.uk
 - info@apollopartnershiptrust.uk

Should during this time, you need to report any safeguarding or welfare concerns about a young person, please do so via the individual school website.

As a Trust, we all have a responsibility and a duty to finding the best way forward that we possibly can, through this challenging time.

My thoughts are with our students and their families, our staff and the wider community at this time.

We are a strong community, we will pull together and get through this.

With my very best wishes.



Julia Patrick
CEO
Apollo Partnership Trust