

13th March 2020

Dear parent/guardian,

We continue to work together every day to ensure we are doing everything we can to keep ourselves and our community healthy. Thank you for the positive responses of so many parents to our corona virus contingency planning. We are confident that if we did have to close the school, our pupils are as ready as possible to continue learning successfully at home. You can re-read the letter we sent home on Wednesday [HERE](#).

Reporting absence

It is more important than ever for every parent to report why their child is absent on the online form found [HERE](#).

The updated government advice is that if your child is suffering from a persistent cough or high fever to self-isolate for seven days, sleeping alone if possible. Please do ensure you have informed us of this at school too.

Cancelled events

As part of our planning to ensure we are ready for the weeks ahead, we have had to make some difficult decisions to cancel some events between now and the Easter break including Year 9 work shadowing next week, Year 4 trip to the Science Museum, the Year 2 Floating Classroom trip and the Year 5 architecture visits. Year 4 will also not be going swimming for the rest of this term. We hope to be able to reschedule as many events as possible into the Summer term. We will of course monitor the situation closely as we consider plans for after Easter too.

Coffee morning

Coffee morning will go ahead next week. Eva and Christina are our Education Mental Health Practitioners, part of a new team in Westminster working together to help our children and young people. Come to the hall at YYS for a chat and a catch up with them and other parents.

Year 11 and 13 Secondary parents evening Wednesday 25th March

At the end of this term, just before the Easter holidays, we would like to invite all parents of pupils in Year 11 and Year 13 for a final parent meeting before the summer exams. This meeting will take place on the afternoon of **Wednesday 25th March**.

In this meeting we will share with you a copy of the exam timetable, a booklet explaining the additional revision lessons that pupils have been invited to and a plan for how pupils should be studying over the holidays and during the final months before their exams.

Appointments will take place between 1.20pm and 5pm and will last at least ten minutes. The appointments will be led by the relevant Form Teacher or Head of Year for almost all pupils, with the families of some pupils being invited to attend an additional meeting straight after with a Senior Leader. When you log in to the online booking system, it may appear that more than one teacher is available to select, please do though only select one teacher.

Please [*click here*](#) access the online system which will open at 5.30pm and please make sure you have booked your appointment by **Friday 20th March, 12pm**.

Xpressions – the Group Call app for parent-school communication

We are working with our school messaging service (Group Call), and Ark central, to develop a much better tool for communication between the school and families. At the moment we email you and sometimes text you, but there is now an app we would like to encourage parents to download. It is still part of Group Call, but will mean you will receive messages from us directly to the Xpressions app. The app is free, and available to download from the iOS App Store and Google Play.

What to do

Instructions can be found here and on the Group Call website: <https://parents.groupcall.com/>

NB you will need to log in with the same email address and mobile phone number that we hold for you on our system.

What will happen next

From Monday we will begin sending all communication to the Xpressions app as well as email and text. If you find you have any issues with the app, please first contact Group Call on parentsupport@groupcall.com. If they say you need to speak to the school, please come to one of the school offices or email parents@kingsolomonacademy.org with 'Xpressions' in the subject.

We will also provide a lot more support for parents after the Easter holidays – this is the initial launch!