

9th March 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are writing to update you with Canford's position regarding the Coronavirus Covid-19, following the COBRA meeting in Government today and subsequent advice from the Boarding Schools Association, in conjunction with the Independent Schools Council, and Public Health England.

The UK Government has said that the country is remaining in the 'contain' stage of its response to the Coronavirus. Steps to delay the virus's spread with 'social distancing' measures such as a ban on sporting events and other large gatherings will not yet be introduced. Following Public Health England guidance, Canford will continue to hold events, including our sports fixtures, and the trips to Cambodia and Holland over the Easter holiday. We will update you if this advice changes.

The safeguarding and welfare of our pupils and staff is the top priority and we are discussing daily the logistical arrangements for keeping our school community safe. We have reviewed our processes and are implementing a range of measures across the school services, including catering and housekeeping, to improve prevention. We have reiterated the importance of good hygiene to all pupils and staff.

The continuation of teaching is of key importance and in particular for those pupils sitting external examinations this summer. Canford will remain open unless the advice changes, but we are putting in place plans for teaching via remote learning from home should this become necessary.

Thank you for your support during this challenging period.

Yours sincerely,

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