

16th March 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I am writing to let you know the School's current position for the final four days of term. This is a dynamic situation, and we are continuing to follow and respond to Government and Public Health England guidance, but at this point Canford remains open.

The safeguarding of our school community is our priority, and I have therefore taken the following decisions effective from Tuesday morning.

Our academic timetable will continue as scheduled. It is vital for our pupils that teaching and learning in the classroom continues, particularly for those in the Upper Sixth and Fifth Form due to sit public examinations this summer.

We also want pupils to continue with co-curricular activities as far as possible and so internally our sporting and cultural programmes will continue. However, any remaining sports fixtures in our calendar, including entry into any external competitions, will be cancelled. In addition The Lighthouse Concert in Poole on Thursday evening has been cancelled, as has the Upper Sixth Parents' Meeting on Friday afternoon. A separate email will be sent to parents of Upper Sixth pupils.

We are planning for the Summer Term to start on Tuesday 14th April (Wednesday 15th April for day pupils), but at this stage we cannot predict what the UK and indeed global landscape will look like in the coming weeks. We have therefore taken steps to revise our teaching and learning programme, with remote options in place, should the start of term be disrupted.

We continue to reinforce the message to pupils and staff about hygiene and what to do if feeling unwell, and we will continue to be sensitive to those members of our community who are most affected. The School's policy is that any pupil or staff member who has even a mild temperature or flu-like conditions is to be kept in isolation. With boarders this means that they will be asked to go home and we would ask that the same occurs with day pupils.

Should Government advice change, we will of course review the above position.

Thank you for your continued support during this extremely challenging time for us all.

Yours sincerely,

Ben Vessey