



CAMDEN SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

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Covid-19

Dear parent,

I am writing to you again regarding current developments in relation to the Covid-19 virus. We are placing the GOV.UK (DFE and Public Health England) updates on our website as soon as we receive them with an accessible link which I hope you have been able to use.

Do please read the GOV.UK advice closely and regularly, as that is what the school must follow. Follow the links within the documents for further information.

The school has taken the following decisions on the basis of government advice:

- Planned overseas trips in the Spring Term and Easter holiday will no longer go ahead.
- Trips within the UK are under review and may be postponed or cancelled.
- The CASCA Quiz Night has been cancelled.
- The Year Seven Parents' Evening scheduled for March 26th will be postponed until the Summer Term.
- Founder's Day celebrations have been cancelled.

At the time of writing, some families are reporting family members with symptoms, and they are self-isolating at home for 14 days. Since testing has now ceased for all but the most vulnerable people we do not know if these symptoms are Covid-19.

Staff presence in school is currently very good, and your child will generally be seeing their usual teachers.

Additional measures

Targeted additional cleaning is taking place in school.

Soap dispensers are being checked and replenished regularly.



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Information notices are up around the school about the virus and about how to prevent its spread.

Visitors must not enter the school if they have been to an affected region or have Covid-19 symptoms.

Examinations

Schools have received the advice in the link below from Ofqual, the examinations regulator. You will see that, at the time of writing, it is expected that examinations are going ahead.

[Updated statement on coronavirus](#)

Absence from school

GOV.UK advice is as follows:

- if you live alone and you have symptoms of coronavirus illness (COVID-19), however mild, stay at home for **7 days** from when your symptoms started. (See [ending isolation](#) section below for more information)
- if you live with others and you or one of them have symptoms of coronavirus, then all household members must stay at home and not leave the house for **14 days**. The 14-day period starts from the day when the first person in the house became ill.

Please report all absences in the usual way.

If neither of these situations applies to your child they should be in school as usual.

If your child has a medical condition which is a concern in relation to Covid-19, please inform their Head of Year, and seek appropriate medical advice to pass on to the school.



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Please bear in mind that, at the moment, teachers are in school every day preparing, delivering and marking students' work. They are not able to provide remote learning for students in addition to their daily duties.

Where possible, we will co-ordinate the provision of school work for students who are unable to be in school for medical reasons, with particular priority being given to students in Years Eleven and Thirteen.

Contingency planning in the event of government decision to close schools.

The school has good systems in place to support students with their learning at home in the event of school closure, using our Google platform. Teaching staff will continue to set work for students to access from home if schools are instructed to shut. We will send you more details in a separate communication about how the school will maintain teaching and learning if the school site is closed.

In addition, there are details of useful revision materials on our website.

We have recently checked that all our contact details for parents are correct and up-to-date, as part of our contingency planning, but please make sure you inform us of any changes to these, and provide emergency emails or phone numbers you think we should have in the present circumstances.

Student well-being

Our aim is to help students to be calm and well-informed. The information we have around the school is from reliable sources, and we urge you to make sure your child only sees and hears trustworthy details about Covid-19.

However, if your child is particularly anxious do please let us know and we will follow up their needs in school.

Thank you for your support at this difficult time. It is much appreciated. We will continue to update you if circumstances change.

Yours sincerely

Elizabeth Kitcatt
Headteacher