



The Astley Cooper School

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Dear Parents/Carers

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Coronavirus (Covid-19)

Following yesterday's updated guidance from the Government and Public Health England, I write to inform you of the action that the school is taking to support our families, students and staff.

The advice regarding non-essential social contact has changed and we have now cancelled the Careers Fair, due to take place in school tomorrow (Wednesday 18 March), the Year 9 Parents' Evening on Thursday 19 March and all trips, visits and events planned for the immediate and long-term future. This includes the trip to Wimbledon, The Duke of Edinburgh expeditions in late April and June, the Year 11 Prom in June and the trips to Spain in July and Berlin in October.

All payments for these trips and events are now frozen; there is no need to make further payments on ParentPay. We will be in touch after Easter when we hope that the situation will be clearer. We will do our best to reschedule these events at a future date.

We know that many families will be concerned about the impact of this situation on the public examinations. The current advice from Ofqual and the Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ) is that schools should continue to prepare for examinations running in May and June. If this advice changes, we will contact you.

Schools are being advised to stay open but should we be told to close we will follow the usual school closure procedures and let you know immediately. Over the next few days, I will update you further on arrangements for students working from home.

We appreciate that this is a very worrying time for everyone and hope that we will be able to work together as a community to support each other as positively as we can.

Yours sincerely

Mr E Gaynor
Headteacher

