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Dear Parents / Carers

Thank you all for your ongoing support as we continue to do everything we can to ensure the education, safety and welfare of our students and staff in a rapidly developing situation.

This communication follows on from the update I sent you on 15 March. Please read it in conjunction.

The latest advice from the government is that if you are living in the same household as someone with a cough or a temperature, everyone in the household should stay at home for 14 days.

The government does not currently have plans to close schools during the 'delay' phase of the Coronavirus pandemic. However, a considerable number of our staff have now been advised to self-isolate.

Despite my colleagues' best endeavours staff absence may ultimately impact on our ability to stay fully open.

A partial closure, if necessary, would enable us to prioritise teaching, say, for Year 11 and Year 13 examination groups.

If a no-notice or partial closure becomes necessary, I shall notify you by e-mail and the Hampstead School My ED app, alongside a posting on our school website.

We shall then dismiss children straight away.

Please check your e-mails regularly. If you do not have the My Ed app yet, I have included instructions on how to install it at the bottom of this letter.

I may have to close the school at very short notice. Please ensure that your child is able to return home and has a set of keys, or else has a safe place to go. Please discuss this with your child immediately.

In the event of a national, London or Camden closure of schools, I shall notify you as above.

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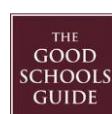
In both cases, I will provide regular updates by the same means.

As I wrote on 15 March, work in the event of closure would be via our virtual platforms so that students can access work from home in the event of a school closure.

The primary vehicle for this will be RM Unify / Show My Homework, supplemented by our other subscriptions including Seneca Learning and SAM Learning.

Students can access all our electronic content and resources by typing in the URL hampstead.rmunify.com/sso. Their user name and password is the same as the one used to log onto the school computers. Once logged onto this site, students should not need to input a user name or password for any other site.

Please now ensure that your child can access these on RMUnify from home or similar and know their Log In details.

Once again, can I ask that you do not contact the school with general enquiries about the school's response to Coronavirus Covid-19. The switchboard is very busy at this time and we cannot give medically-related advice.

We continue to monitor the situation very closely, whilst running the school. We act on guidance from Camden, the Department for Education and Public Health (England), and I will continue to update you on our response

Thank you for your cooperation and support.

Jacques Szemalikowski
Head

https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public

MY ED INSTRUCTIONS FOR PARENTS/CARERS

1.   Go to the App Store/ Google Play Store & search for My Ed
2.   Download the Free App, then:

•   Install and Open My Ed
•   Allow request for notification and then search for Hampstead School
•   Complete the fields: name, mobile number and email address
•   Tap the Link Account link
•   A security code will be sent to the mobile number given
•   Input the security code into the relevant field on the App and then tap the Create Account link
•   After a short period of time you should be able to see and access the public-facing buttons
•   Overnight, the system will check the mobile number matches the Number 1 contact on the school system for your child(ren)
•   If this is correct and you are the Number 1 contact, you will be able to see your child(ren) on the My Students button on the App