



# HOWDEN SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer

*The Consortium Academy Trust (TCAT) is actively monitoring the situation around the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak and following the advice given by Public Health England and specific advice provided for schools by the Department for Education. Each academy within the Trust has specific procedures in place to follow this guidance and at Howden School this is as follows:*

I would like to provide you with an update on our plans and preparations for any potential disruption to the academy which may occur as a result of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. As you will be aware from the significant media coverage, the information and advice relating to the Coronavirus is changing daily and I want to reassure you that we are closely monitoring the updates that we receive from Public Health England (PHE) and the Department for Education (DfE) and we continue to follow their advice fully.

## **Promoting good personal hygiene**

At present, we are promoting good personal hygiene, particularly the importance of regular hand washing for all students, staff and visitors to the academy. To support this, we have placed posters promoting good hand hygiene in key areas, including all toilets, and ensured that we have a plentiful stock of hand wash available.

## **Further government advice**

If your child has any underlying health conditions, please continue to follow the guidance provided by Public Health England – <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/public-health-england>

## **How we will keep you informed**

At this moment in time, the very clear guidance from the Department for Education and Public Health England is for schools to remain open. However, should this change, and we be required to implement a full or partial closure of the school, we will keep you fully informed through our text messaging service, Twitter and the school website. It is vital that your contact details are up-to-date, including an alternative emergency contact. If your contact details have recently changed and you have not made us aware of this, please do so as a matter of urgency.

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## Access to work resources

Staff are preparing work which will be provided for your child in the event of a school closure. If we must implement these arrangements, we will provide you with further information using the communication methods described above. To support your child, please check that they can log on to **Doodle** from home as staff will be posting work here in the event of a closure. In addition, your child should check with their teachers that they have login details for the range of online learning resources we subscribe to, including Maths Watch, My Maths, etc.

For students sitting GCSE examinations this academic year, we have a program called FOLDR which allows students to log onto their school desk top from home. This is available at <https://foldr.howdenschool.net/> from Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March. From Monday we will also have dedicated email addresses for departments should students require support in their GCSE studies if the school is required to close. If you do not have regular access to the internet, we will endeavour to provide your child with enough printed resources. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us at the academy.

Please be assured that we are following all the advice that we receive and doing everything that we can to prepare as this advice changes. I would like to thank you for your continued support at this time.

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