



from Tom Lawson MA (Oxon), Headmaster

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Dear Parents,

This email follows the stricter line taken by the Prime Minister in yesterday's press conference.

Boarders to leave as soon as possible

The stricter rules on locking down households if anyone has symptoms could soon be applied to pupils in school boarding houses. We therefore want to pre-empt the very unpleasant prospect of all boarders being unable to leave their rooms for the next 14 days.

We ask that all boarders make arrangements to leave as soon as possible, either going home or going to guardians until such time as they can get home.

The boarding houses will remain open until 6pm on Wednesday 18 March to give people time to make plans.

Lessons at school continue

Lessons at school will continue for those families who need and wish their children to come into school (Applies both to day pupils and any boarder who can manage to come in as a day pupil). The current plan is to continue with lessons until the scheduled end of term but please be aware that the situation is changing rapidly and it may be that we cannot continue through to Friday for staffing or other reasons.

Anyone with symptoms

To confirm for our setting, please do not bring your child into school if they have any symptoms or you know of any risk or contact they may have had with anyone with symptoms. Please contact [III online](#) and the medical centre in every case of concern **before** returning to school.

- Eastbourne College: medical@eastbourne-college.co.uk
- St Andrew's Prep: medical@standrewsprep.co.uk

Fixtures and big congregational events cancelled

Lessons and activities which are assessed as minimal risk will continue for now; fixtures and large congregational school activities, such as parents evenings, and the larger College chapel services and College assemblies have been cancelled.

We will shortly update you of any change and let you know of the arrangements we have made for remote learning should the school not be able to open at the beginning of the summer.

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We want pupils to feel reassured that they remain at low risk as individuals and that there still has been no confirmed case at the schools or in close connection to them.

It is with huge regret that we are taking measures that will heighten anxiety but difficult times call for us to make the decisions that best protect our pupils. Thank you for your support with our approach.

With very best wishes

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