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Dear Parents

I know that the school is receiving many questions each day arising from concerns about the coronavirus. The school will be adjusting plans as we receive new advice and guidance. For that reason an email will be sent each afternoon until further notice to keep you informed about all updates at Coloma, including any changes to planned events. The details below focus on this week's events. We will let you know if there are changes to other planned events as soon as they are confirmed.

**Food practicals**

There will be no practicals carried out in food lessons until further notice. This is for two reasons

- Given the shortages of some ingredients in some supermarkets the school does not want to put unnecessary pressure on parents or students regarding shopping.
- Whilst good hand hygiene will avoid the spreading of viruses in a food room, we know that the risk is greater in the food room than in any other classroom environment. We want to avoid this being a concern for students or parents.

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March - ABRSM Music exams**

If your daughter is taking an ABRSM music exam then please be aware that these will go ahead as scheduled by the ABRSM.

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March – Year 11 BTEC Media 2 hour Controlled Assessment -**

This controlled assessment for the Year 11 students taking BTEC Media will go ahead as planned.

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March - The concert at St Paul's, Covent Garden will now take place in the Performing Arts Centre at Coloma**

To avoid travelling in to central London, the concert will now take place in the Performing Arts Centre at school at 7.30pm. All those involved or who would like to come as a member of the audience should see the attached letter.

**Year 9 Vaccinations- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March**

The Immunisation Team have been in contact with school to say that the vaccinations will go ahead as planned.

**Year 9 Mock Bar Trial – Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March**

We will not be sending the team to this event. Parents of students involved will receive a separate letter.

**Attendance at school**

Please be aware that it is your decision as to whether your daughter should be in school. Staff cannot offer guidance beyond the following government advice:





*You should stay at home for 7 days if you have either:*

- *a high temperature*
- *a new, continuous cough*
- *if you have had close contact with an infected person (someone who has had a positive test for Coronavirus). Close-contact is defined as spending 15 minutes within 2m (6ft) of someone with the virus, or having face-to-face contact.*

Please note: if you decide, using these criteria, to keep your daughter in self-isolation then she must not be in school for the next seven days even if she appears to have recovered fully. This includes not attending any planned events listed above. As usual, if your daughter will not be in school then please keep the Key Stage Coordinators informed.

Should your daughter need to remain at home at the moment then she should use any usual learning platforms from her lessons, (e.g. Google Classroom, My Maths, Kerboodle) to keep in touch with work.

We know you will understand that these measures are being taken in order to protect the most vulnerable members of society. The verse before today's Gospel is very apposite:

*'I hope in the Lord, I trust in his word:*

*With him there is kindness and plenteous redemption'.*

Let us be sure that we are spreading kindness.

Wishing you and your family the very best in these difficult times,

Mrs S Collins  
Headteacher

