

Thursday 19th March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

This is a short update following the announcement last night by the Prime Minister and Secretary of State for Education about the changing role of schools in the weeks and months ahead. I am sure, like me, you are still trying to digest what been said and I am also sure that, like me, you have many unanswered questions. I will send out a further communication later today as soon as I receive more information from the government.

I would like all parents/carers to understand that schools are being asked to fulfil a very different role in the weeks and months ahead and, as a result, we ask you to be patient with us while we try and clarify exactly how this will work in practice. What is certain is that we must all work together for the benefit of our community to get through the difficult times ahead.

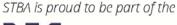
In the short term, I can reassure parents/carers and students in Year 11, that even though not all details have been decided by the government yet, Gavin Williamson, the Education Secretary, did assure MPs that all students would get the grades they "need and deserve" and that no child would be "unfairly penalised" as a result of the decision.

I can also assure you that we will do everything possible to support you and your family in the testing times ahead.

Stay safe. Look after each other. Be kind.

Kind regards

Mrs Jane Hingley



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