

Wednesday 20th May 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Coronavirus Update

Dear Parent,

This letter has been agreed by all Crawley secondary Headteachers of Oriel High School, Ifield Community College, Holy Trinity School, St. Wilfrids, Hazelwick and The Gatwick School and it is being sent to all our families.

You will have heard confusing and rather mixed messages about some students returning to school. There is a lot of debate about some primary year groups returning (Year R, Year 1 and Year 6) and the difficulties in keeping the students, the staff and the community safe if this happens.

The secondary school guidance is currently somewhat vague, and we have not had the level of detail afforded our primary colleagues. We anticipate some specific guidance, but this has not yet been released.

We are keen to keep everyone safe.

As a group of secondary Headteachers of the schools in Crawley we have unanimously agreed that no students will be in school (other than those currently in school for childcare) any earlier than 15th June. We will await further guidance from the Government and the Local Authority. We are meeting again after the half term week to discuss any changes in the position particularly in the light of the Government's review of their five tests.

We have come to this position in order to act responsibly for the welfare of the school and local community. We will continue to strive to offer the best quality remote learning possible.

I will be back in touch once we know more of what is proposed for secondary schools, but I am keen, along with my headteacher colleagues, to keep you up to date as far as possible at all times.

During the half term week next week, we will cease setting work for our students, and I hope that they will be able to enjoy some rest and relaxation in these unsettling times.

I hope that you and your family stay safe and well.
With my best wishes

**Philip Stack
Headteacher**