



KING JAMES'S SCHOOL

KNARESBOROUGH

5th March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to update you on the latest position at school in relation to the coronavirus. We continue to monitor advice from Public Health England, the Department for Education and the Local Authority.

Staff, parents/carers and young people can contact the government helpline as follows:

Phone: 0800 046 8687

Email: DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk

Opening hours: 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday)

As you would expect we have undertaken significant planning in the event of the situation becoming more acute. At this stage the advice is to continue operating as normal with enhanced awareness around infection control. We have also considered the situation regarding trips and examinations and we continue to monitor travel advice as well as information from the exam boards.

Trips and visits:

In line with the current local authority education guidance at 2 March 2020, the school is continuing with all educational visits unless there is specific Public Health England or Foreign Commonwealth Advice to the contrary.

The current international trip programme includes:

- 22 March - Germany (Bebra Exchange)
- 4 April - Germany - Berlin
- 5 April - Iceland - Reykjavik
- 25 July - France - Ardeche

We will obviously keep parents informed as we continue to risk assess these trips and take the view of the local authority.

Impact of COVID-19 of examinations:

In the event of widespread sustained national disruption, the government departments will communicate with regulators, awarding organisations and centres prior to a public announcement. Regulators will provide advice to government departments on implications for examination timetables.

If you have any specific concerns that we should be aware of then please do contact the school.

Yours sincerely,

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