

Dear Parent/Carer,

**RE: - Covid-19 update, 17 March 2020**

Thank you for your support in encouraging our students to practise good hand hygiene and to stay calm and focused on their studies in this difficult time.

In response to government guidance outlined last night:

- If your child is sent home from school for demonstrating symptoms of Covid-19, they must self-isolate for **fourteen days**.
- If there is a family member in the household that is demonstrating symptoms of Covid-19, the whole family must self-isolate for **fourteen days**.
- Under either of the above circumstances, please make contact on day 1 of self-isolation. There is no need to contact school each day.

**Polite reminder regarding communication**

- Please make sure your contact details are up to date and that you have your Synergy password. We will use Synergy as our main form of direct communication with you, and will be uploading work for students, should anyone need to self-isolate.
- For those who have not yet accessed Synergy, letters, including log in details and instructions on how to access Synergy, have been distributed via your child today. Please contact school using the email below if you have any difficulties.
- Your child can access Synergy using the username and password that allows access to the school network.
- If your contact details have changed please email:  
  
[reception@morecambabayacademy.co.uk](mailto:reception@morecambabayacademy.co.uk)
- Year 11 have personalised examination packs of material for English, Mathematics and Science. Plenty of work to keep them focused if they have to stay at home. These were sent home at February half term. Year 12 and 13 have plenty of study materials. More information will follow this week, regarding work and other useful online resources, via Synergy and the school website.

## Good health and hygiene

- Encourage your child or young person to think about hygiene beyond just hand washing. Please make sure they have their own water bottle, tissues and understand to be careful about sharing food or equipment.
- Please remind them about coughing or sneezing into a tissue or their sleeve. Younger children do not always think about these things.
- Children and young people touch each other a lot: we see them linking arms, touching each other's hair and face and when playing sport. Please talk to your child about hand washing regularly, especially before eating.

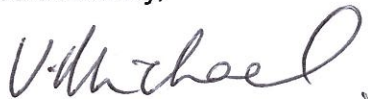
Please be reassured that the school is following all current Public Health England guidance, and will continue to do so in the current weeks. We will use the school website and Synergy to keep you updated.

We have postponed all school trips abroad this academic year until further notice. We will be updating on the London Trip before Easter. Year 9 Parents Evening on Wednesday 25 March has also been cancelled.

Below is a link providing more information from the NHS regarding Covid-19 in the Morecambe Bay area.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C7FCeOjwEfw&feature=youtu.be&safe=active>

Yours sincerely,



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Principal