

Dear Parent / Carer

The current government guidance in relation to the coronavirus pandemic is that schools are to remain open as normal.

You will be aware, however, that the situation is changing daily. As staff need to self-isolate due to belonging to one of the vulnerable groups or due to developing symptoms, it may be that we will need to close for some year groups or close totally at some point. If we need to close to some year groups and/or need to close during the day due to staff absence we will implement the same procedure as we use for sudden closure for example due to snow.

If we need to close to some year groups due to staff shortages we will do so in the following order:

Wave 1: Y12 and Y10 will be asked to go home or stay at home.

Wave 2: Y9 and Y8 will be asked to go home or stay at home.

Wave 3: Y7 will be asked to go home or stay at home.

Wave 4: Total closure, including Years 11 and 13.

Currently, after school clubs and intervention sessions are continuing as normal but any fixtures or events have been cancelled and all visitors to school have been cancelled unless absolutely necessary, for example for a readmission meeting.

We have made contingency plans for students to be provided with school work which will come into effect in the event of a partial or total closure.

Please check our website www.astonacademy.org and follow the link for 'online student resources' for updates.

Details of how students can access work are provided below:

Students will be given a bank of work on Google Drive. For students who do not have access to Microsoft Office or a place to save electronic work, all students have a Google account with access to Google Docs and Google Drive. This can be accessed by clicking the 'G Suite' button in the top right hand corner of the school website.

Log on details are provided below:

Username: <<first_name>><<last_name>>@aston.academy

Password: usual computer login password

If your child is unable to remember their password, then please see the school website for information about how to access work during any period of closure.

Yours faithfully,

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Principal

