

18<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear parents and carers

As a school, we take your child's safety very seriously and are currently following government guidance with regard to the recent outbreak of Coronavirus.

At the moment, government guidance is for schools to remain open, and we remain committed to doing this as far as possible. However, as we have had to partially close, we deem it important to enable all our students to access their learning whilst they are not in school. Please find below details of how your child can access work at home in the event of the school being closed. Students have had a year group assembly to advise them about this and this information is available on the website.

If the school does fully close, it is expected that students will be completing work at home for all their lessons and students should follow their normal daily timetable. Each class teacher will set students appropriate work for every lesson that they would usually have on each day of their absence from school.

Students can access this work via Sharepoint, accessible on the following link.

<https://ninestilesacademytrust.sharepoint.com/sites/studentportal/Ninestiles>

Students then need to:

1. Click on 'Student Portal'
2. Click on the correct 'Year Group' folder
3. Click on the 'Subject Folder' for lessons they have that day
4. Click on the correct 'date' folder
5. Finally 'click on the folder with their 'class teacher and class code'

In addition to this, students are also encouraged to utilise the following in order to support them in their time away from school. All of these sites are available through Sharepoint or at the website addresses listed here:

- Hegarty maths <https://hegartymaths.com>
- Gcsepod <https://members.gcsepod.com/login>
- GCSE Bitesize <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>

Detailed information about how students can use the above to support their learning can be found in the accompanying 'How to access work from home' presentation assembly.

We appreciate that some students will not have internet access and we are currently working to provide packs of work for those students in the event of full closure. This will be available soon.

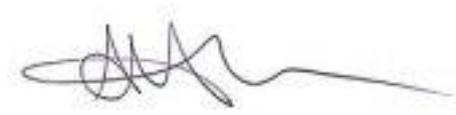
Further updates will be included on the website with regard to the situation; please check this on a daily basis.

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We thank you for your ongoing support during this unprecedented situation.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Alex Hughes', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Alex Hughes  
Principal