



# Batley Girls' High School

## Visual Arts College

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Dear Parent/Carer

17 March 2020

### Update for families- RE: Covid-19 (Coronavirus)

The government has now moved to the 'delay' phase of its contingency planning, as you will be aware. This action is intended to slow the spread of the virus in order to ensure that the National Health Service (NHS) is able to cope with the increased demand on its services.

Our number one priority as a school, and a Trust, is to ensure the safety of every member of our learning community. We are sure you will agree that it is crucial that our school supports the Government in their efforts to delay the spread of the virus. In discussions with our Trustees, it has been agreed that the following preventative actions will be taken from Wednesday 18th March to protect the health and safety of our staff and students. These measures will be reviewed daily and will remain in place for as long as necessary, and will follow Government guidelines, which will be reviewed regularly and rigorously.

- All overseas trips and visits will be cancelled or postponed
- All domestic trips and visits will be cancelled or postponed
- Assemblies will be cancelled for the remainder of this half term
- Visits to our school by members of the public and parents/carers will be strictly by appointment only. Wherever possible parental meetings will take place over the telephone.
- Any school productions and/or performances will be postponed
- Any parents' evenings will be postponed including the Year 7 Parents' Evening, scheduled this week

The above list of measures have been taken to protect our students and our staff and support the delay of the virus spread. Our schools continue to follow advice given by Public Health England and the Department of Education. We advise families to continue to use this as a source of advice, as this is updated on a regular basis. Links can be found on our school website and the website address is:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/coronavirus-covid-19-uk-government-response>

Parents/carers are asked to inform the school if your child is self isolating and this will be recorded as '*exceptional circumstances*' and will not affect your child's attendance record.

If you have any questions, or queries then please do contact us or a member of our team in school. Our number one priority is to keep your child safe and we would like to thank all parents/carers for your support for our school community in these unprecedented times. We will keep you regularly updated of any further changes so please do monitor our school newsletter, APP, website and our text messaging service.

Yours sincerely

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