

La Retraite

Roman Catholic 11-19 Girls' School

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Dear parent/carers,

To date we are very fortunate that none of our staff have had a positive test for the COVID-19, the coronavirus. We do, however, have a number of staff that have underlying health issues or are pregnant and they need to be protected as much as possible from catching the virus. There are also a number of staff who have followed government guidance to self-isolate as they may have come into contact with people who have the virus. This makes it a challenge to staff all of the classes and, as a result, we are going to make some changes to the school day from tomorrow.

From Wednesday, school **will be open** as usual for the following students only:

- Year 7
- Year 8
- Year 11
- Year 13
- Students in other year groups whose parents are classified as Key workers. Key workers include teachers, police officers, armed forces personnel and National Health Service (NHS) workers. If you fall into this category, please let the school know as soon as possible.

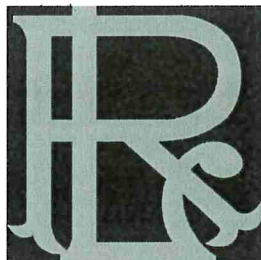
Year 9, 10 and 12 students should remain at home and study from there. Work will be provided for students via *Showmyhomework* and Google classroom. The students can access Google classroom by going to <https://classroom.google.com> and using their:

- Computer username with the additions of @apps.laretraite.lambeth.sch.uk, for example smithj221.208@apps.laretraite.lambeth.sch.uk
- Normal school computer password

Students should also check their school email for regular updates from their teachers. They can access via the link on the school website.

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There will also be arrangements for some individual students to come to school because of their personal circumstances. In this case, staff from school will contact individual parents/carers.

Unless there are further developments, we plan to review these arrangements on Friday morning and will update parents by 1pm Friday.

Finally, I wish to confirm that these changes are **not** due to any member of staff contracting the virus and surfaces in the school are being regularly cleaned according to Public Health Guidelines.

As the advice from the government is changing on a daily basis, please do check the school website regularly for changes.

Thank you for your unstinting support.

Kind regards,

Dominic Malins

Headteacher