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Dear Parent/Carer,

As the current situation regarding Coronavirus remains a high risk to everyone, and the restrictions regarding lockdown are still in place CP Riverside School will remain closed until we are advised by the Government that it is safe to reopen.

Almost all our student body have to travel out of their locality to school and use public transport or taxi. When taking into account these significant safeguarding and risk factors, this is not the time to suggest that students use public transport once more.

I receive daily updates from the Government regarding any actions that we may need to take, as well as guidance from both our City and County Local authorities along with the support from EMET our Multi Academy Trust, and we also have access to professional advice if necessary. The situation regarding any possible reopening is reviewed weekly.

I am aware that home schooling is not ideal either for our students, or parents/carers who may be also trying to work from home. I thank you all, parents and carers, for all you are doing whilst trying to support and encourage a continuation of learning and access to education, not an easy task at all! However, in an attempt to try and alleviate boredom and continue to instill learning opportunities for all students in Years 8-10, our teaching staff remain available for contact by email and are continuing to set personalised work programmes for our students.

At this point, I would like to remind you that students have GCSEPod logins and passwords so that additional work can be continued from home. GCSEPod can be accessed by any student at any time, and we encourage all students to make themselves familiar with what is an excellent learning and revision aid purchased by the school.

Please feel free, as always, to contact Mark Eyre, Vice Principal mark.eyre@cpriverside.co.uk if you have any queries regarding work for students to be completed at home.

The Student Engagement Team continue to keep in touch individually with students by email supporting student wellbeing, and helping many to cope with the emotions our students may be experiencing while feeling cut off and apart from their friends at CP Riverside.

Please feel free to contact any of the Leadership Team if you feel you need to share any concerns with us, just as you would if school were open. Leadership Team contact details are all on the website and have been shared on the staff email address sent out by Mark during the Easter break.

Advice for parents/carers regarding the school reopening following any closure, will be placed on the website and the Leadership Team will confirm reopening with parents by text. The current situation is also highlighted on our website. <http://cpriverside.co.uk/coronavirus/coronavirus-latest-bulletin/>

I do hope this allays any concerns you may have and reassures you that we are still here to support our school community and genuinely do wish to reopen the school as soon as it is safe to do so.

Yours Sincerely,

Fiona Derrick
Principal

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