

The De Montfort School

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Dear Parents/Carers

As you will understand we share your growing concerns about Coronavirus, the risks to staff and students and the possible impact on students taking exams.

We are of course monitoring the situation carefully and we are receiving daily advice emails from the Department for Education.

To reassure you we have reinforced with students the need for good hygiene and we have taken precautionary measures such as ensuring all toilets have adequate soap, putting up notices to remind students about washing their hands and asking tutors to use the government videos on hand washing.

We will continue to follow all official advice that comes into us. Please follow Government guidelines if you have any concerns. <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

You can also contact the Department for Education using the following helpline details:

Phone: 0800 046 8687

Email: DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk

Opening hours: 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday)

Or look at their Twitter or Facebook pages.

We are also drawing up contingency plans in case of escalation and possible school closure in the future. We will of course keep you informed.

Examination groups:

Here is the latest advice from Ofqual:

We recognise that students, parents, schools and colleges will be concerned about the possible impact of coronavirus on the 2020 summer exam series. Ofqual's advice at this time is to continue to prepare for exams and other assessments as normal.

Ofqual continues to work closely with exam boards, other regulators and the Department for Education to plan for a range of scenarios, as the public would expect. Our overriding priorities are fairness to students

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this summer and keeping disruption to a minimum.

It is still many weeks until exams start and we will issue updated advice if necessary, giving schools and colleges as much notice as possible.

Student working arrangements in the event of school closure

To minimise disruption to learning, we are creating a new page on our website that will be a central hub with information from all subjects and all year groups.

There will be a link to this hub on our website and also posted on social media.

Kind regards

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