



Dear Primary Community

Rachel Hutchinson
Principal

Ivybridge Community College – Primary Performing Arts (Gymnastics, Drama, Musical Theatre and Music)

In light of the UK Government's move from the 'contain' to the 'delay' phase of their coronavirus action plan, I am writing to inform you that we will be suspending ALL after College community sports clubs, facilities and private letting of community buildings from **Tuesday, 17 March 2020 until further notice**. We unfortunately will no longer be able to hire our sports facilities or operate a sports centre for the foreseeable future.

It is now clear that the coronavirus pandemic is the most serious public health emergency that our nation has faced for a generation. The government have stated today that:

- these actions will change the ordinary lives of everyone in this country.
- they are very significant and recognise people will be concerned.
- they are necessary to save lives and to stop this disease.

We recognise that the actions we have taken are significant and may cause some upset and disappointment for many of our students and staff; these enrichment opportunities are what define the uniqueness and exceptional traits of our College and we too, understand and share the disappointment of everyone involved and affected by these measures. However, our principle concern is with the priority of the health and wellbeing of the whole of the Ivybridge family.

Ivybridge Community College will remain open for the normal College day to students until further directive has been provided by the government in the event of forced school closure.

We appreciate this is short notice and will have a considerable impact on your groups; we are taking swift action to comply with the government's directive to limit all unnecessary travel and social contact with others as outlined today.

Once it is clear the measures have had the necessary effect and the government lifts the restrictions on social contact, we will contact you with details on how we will reopen.

Please do contact the College to discuss how we may support you further.

Yours sincerely

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Principal

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