



17 March 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

It is with much regret and disappointment that we learnt yesterday afternoon of the announcement to suspend all Rugby activity in England and as a result the National U15 Cup Match on Thursday, 19 March 2020 has been postponed.

All players have been instrumental in the part they have played in achieving the team's success to date. The passion and commitment they have all given to the game has not only been a credit to themselves but to the reputation of the College as a whole.

In light of the UK Government's move from the 'contain' to the 'delay' phase of their Coronavirus Action Plan, and the updated advice, England Rugby are advising against unnecessary travel and the social gathering of large groups of people at sporting events.

We recognise that this unfortunate news will cause extreme disappointment amongst our players, their families and the 600+ supporters that were looking forward to travelling up to Twickenham to cheer our team on.

Incredible opportunities are what defines 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 principal concern is with the priority of the health and wellbeing of the whole Ivybridge family.

Mr Brown and Mr Shepherd will continue to liaise with the England Rugby organisers on their plans for the postponed cup matches and the College will ensure all spectators, family and friends are given the opportunity to attend the match. The priority at this stage is to remain positive, focus on keeping well and overcoming such setbacks and then, anything is possible!

All spectators will receive a refund in due course. We will retain a list of those who have paid for this trip and, should we be in a position to offer the event again, your son/daughter will be offered a place as a priority.

Thank you for your ongoing support and cooperation on this matter.

Best Wishes

Rachel Hutchinson
Principal

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