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Dear Parents/Carers

In light of further developments surrounding the spread of coronavirus and the movement of the UK into the 'delay' phase, I wish to supplement the recent letter from the CEO with specific details about how Northallerton School & Sixth Form College School staff are ensuring learning continues should a closure be necessary.

We are fortunate to already be well prepared in terms of our use of the cloud to store resources rather than computer hard drives; this means we can easily access materials remotely. We are a Google school which allows us to set up 'Google Classrooms' through which we can send and receive group tasks, mark work, upload materials and do a variety of other activities including group communication with students. Many staff have already established Google Classrooms to support their teaching; those that have not are setting them up over the coming days. The majority of Google Classrooms can be accessed by students by accessing the Google Classrooms App. Some Google Classrooms however, will need an access code - if this is the case then the teacher will have sent the access code to the student through an invitation on their school email. In addition to this, staff are preparing revision packs for students that can be made available electronically in the event of a closure, exam classes are a priority for this.

In the event of a closure, staff will still be working even if they are not physically at work. They will set work for classes via Google classroom and will have had training, where necessary, on how to provide feedback on work to help the students continue to progress.

You can help by making sure your child knows how to access his or her school email address and how to access the google classroom. If your child is unsure about this, his or her tutor or classroom teacher will be able to help over the next few days. If a closure does happen, please also make sure your child logs on daily and is completing and submitting the work provided for them.

Clearly, this plan relies upon internet access at home; if you have any concerns about your provision, please contact Deputy Headteacher Andy Wilkinson via [wilkinson.a@northallertonschool.org.uk](mailto:wilkinson.a@northallertonschool.org.uk) who will be happy to provide advice and support.

We sincerely hope that a closure does not become a reality, but want you to be reassured that if it does, we are confident we can still provide a good standard of learning taking into account the unprecedented circumstances.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

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