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**Sedbergh Schools' response to the risk presented by Novel Coronavirus  
(Covid-19)**

**Statement No 6 issued on 12 March 2020 to Senior School Parents**

**Sedbergh School: Preparation for temporary Enforced Closure**

We anticipate the Government will enact the Delay phase of its response to the Coronavirus Covid-19 very soon. An important element of this is to diminish interaction and one possible measure is the enforced closure of Schools.

In this eventuality, it is not entirely clear whether Boarding Schools will be required to close, and our first action would be to seek clarity through the Boarding Schools' Association. We will prioritise the health of our pupils and community but will seek to maintain normal education for as long as possible.

**This is NOT a notice that Sedbergh School will close.**

This communication describes how Sedbergh School would manage an enforced closure.

The School would not immediately send pupils away from School and would implement a controlled closure programme such that pupils are safe, the impact on families is minimised and pupils are prepared for remote studies in order to maintain their education.

All pupils will be advised of the closure process and before leaving will be required to:

1. complete training in the use of remote learning technology and their laptops checked to ensure they support that technology;
2. have the signature of all their teachers to confirm they have been given and instructed in the necessary work they will be required to do.

Families should contact Housemasters and Housemistresses to arrange collection. We anticipate this would be across a weekend and it would help our organisation if it were an extended period. If closure is announced, please do not feel that you must come at the earliest opportunity, the arrangements may be at the convenience of the family.

If a family is unable to collect their child(ren), the School will remain open until the normal end of Term. Children will be fully cared for in the Boarding Houses and will be helped to

study independently in the same way as if they were at home. We will operate an appropriate programme of sports and activities; we will not organise any off-site visits and as far as possible pupils will not interact with anyone from outside the School.

All communication about closure and collection should be directed through Housemasters and Housemistresses.

Once we know about any timings of closure we will let you know when remote teaching and learning will commence, and will continue to communicate about the process of ongoing education, public examination and re-opening schedules.

School closure does not automatically mean that events such as the National Choir of the Year finals and the Rosslyn Park Sevens Tournament will be cancelled but it seems extremely unlikely that they will go ahead. The staff responsible for these events will advise you about them directly.

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