



from Tom Lawson MA (Oxon), Headmaster

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Dear Parents,

We are expecting the Education Secretary to make a statement at 5pm today (Wednesday). This may announce the closure of schools but that could very well be at close of play on Friday which would not affect the College or St Andrew's given our scheduled end of term. It may also refer to exam dates or other policy which we will digest and update parents on as soon as we can.

At the moment, as per the [recent advice](#) that requires people to self-isolate if a member of their family is vulnerable, we have several staff away from work on a precautionary basis, including the family of one day house hsm at the College (Powell). We have made arrangements for them to stay at home and isolate. We are covering their duties with teaching / house staff to see us through to the end of term. This is, I am afraid, the 'new normal' for a while at least. The school can continue to operate and we hope to make it through to the scheduled end of term.

With best wishes,

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