



Dear staff; parents / carers,

Just an update on the situation in school as of 18.00 16 March 2020.

Please be reassured that the school will continue to send out updated reports as the Coronavirus situation develops, based on guidance from the DFE and NHS.

Currently, it appears that we do not have any staff or students that have tested positive for Coronavirus and we do not know of any staff or students that have been in contact with anyone with confirmed Coronavirus.

Following advice, we can share that:

- **We will continue to monitor and send home any staff or students that present with a temperature and/or a new, or persistent cough whilst in school. These individuals should now self-isolate for 14 days from the start of their symptoms.**
- **We would like anyone who lives with someone who has a new and persistent cough or a temperature to stay at home for 14 days of isolation as of Tuesday 17 March, which is new guidance. This is the advice to date as of 18.00 Monday 16 March for schools from the Government that has changed.**

However, we will work hard to make sure the school remains a safe place as far as we can and therefore we have decided to:

- Cancel any school activities other than lessons. This will include staff on external courses and trips; staff transferring across Trust schools other than the leadership team and key operational staff and cancelling all trips and visits up until Easter, including external sporting fixtures and visitors to the school.

We would like to reassure our students, staff and parents / carers that the health and wellbeing of the staff and student within our school community will always be our priority.

With this in mind, we will be working over the next few days to make contact with all staff and students who we feel / know are in the 'vulnerable' category, to discuss their individual cases and work with them to offer the best support.

The situation is changing on a daily / hourly basis and we receive updates during the day, which we will pass on.

We will continue to monitor the situation and consult DFE / NHS and Government web sites. Their advice will, as always, be followed and we have been warned that school closures 'may be necessary', but only 'at the right stage' of the outbreak and we will keep all students; staff and parents / carers updated.

Please continue to contact the school with any questions using the email system.

For your information the key updated points from today's news briefing are:

- Anyone who lives with someone who has a cough or a temperature should stay at home for 14 days
- People should start working from home where they possibly can
- Avoid pubs, clubs, theatres and other such social venues
- Only use the NHS when we really need to
- From tomorrow government will no longer be "supporting" mass gatherings using emergency workers

Kind regards

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