

gilesacademy

MESSAGE: 17 MARCH 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Following on from the letter dated Monday, 16th March 2020 alongside the advice issued by the Government, we are continually reviewing our vulnerable students and staff list.

We have included the Government vulnerable category lists below.

If you consider your child to be placed on this list please follow the guidance given and inform the school should you decide that you will follow the social distancing measures for vulnerable people that are due to take effect from this weekend.

- Under 70 with an underlying health condition listed below (ie anyone instructed to get a flu jab as an adult each year on medical grounds)
 - Chronic (long-term) respiratory diseases, such as asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), emphysema or bronchitis
 - Chronic heart disease, such as heart failure
 - Chronic kidney disease
 - Chronic liver disease, such as hepatitis
 - Chronic neurological conditions, such as Parkinson's disease, motor neurone disease, multiple sclerosis (MS), a learning disability or cerebral palsy
 - Diabetes
 - Problems with your spleen - for example, sickle cell disease or if you have had your spleen removed
 - A weakened immune system as the result of conditions such as HIV and AIDS, or medicines such as steroid tablets or chemotherapy
 - Being seriously overweight (a BMI of 40 or above)
- Those who are pregnant

We continue to monitor the situation and work with other local authorities to ensure the school remains a safe environment for all students and staff. Please do not hesitate to contact the school should you have any questions or concerns.

Additionally, today we have set up a new email tab for parents who may have specific questions linked to this Coronavirus situation:

StudentAbsence@gilesacademy.co.uk

This is a dedicated email contact so that you can have a response as quickly as possible.

For all other questions please use the normal communication channels.

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Finally, I can confirm that today we have carried out assemblies with all year groups to outline how / when work will be set for our students, just in case of the 'worst case scenario' and any necessary school closure. In case of the school needing to close in the future, the PowerPoint that has been shared with the students will be added to our website today so that parents can support our learners.

In these assemblies, as well as sharing the details for students to access work, it was also discussed that students may find this an anxious and worrying time, and we would ask for you to support your child and make contact with the school using the new email tab if you are particularly worried. The school will always remain open for communication to support families over safeguarding issues.

I will provide any further updates as the situation changes for our schools.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'JD', written in a cursive style.

Juan Diaz
Deputy Headteacher