

Tuesday 17th March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

Corona virus update

You will have heard yesterday that the government has updated the advice on its response to the coronavirus virus.

Social Distancing

Yesterday we made the decision to cancel larger gatherings, assemblies and school trips.

Self-Isolation

The latest advice from NHS 111 is that if pupils or staff have a family member who is self-isolating or have been in contact with someone who is self-isolating, the pupil or staff member should be sent home to self-isolate regardless of whether they have any symptoms. They should self-isolate for 14 days.

Vulnerable pupils

A number of parents have let us know that they are particularly concerned for their child, despite their having no symptoms, on account of their medical condition. A number have already chosen to self-isolate and it is absolutely right for parents to take these decisions for themselves. Please let the school know if you decide to keep your child at home.

Please be reminded that if you or your child are showing symptoms of either

- a high temperature; or
- a new continuous cough

you should stay at home for 14 days. You should not go to your GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital, and you do not need to contact NHS 111. You should only contact NHS 111 if you feel you cannot cope with your symptoms at home, your condition gets worse, or your symptoms do not get better after 7 days. Should your child children become unwell on site with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature they will be sent home.



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The advice about what to do if you or your children have had close contact with someone who has tested positive for Corona Virus has not changed. That advice is that you should notify public health authorities via NHS 111 who will provide guidance on what steps you should take.

Should the government require us to close the school in the future, we will arrange for your child to access suitable work to do at home and will let you know what our expectations are regarding the completion of work at home; how that work can be accessed by your child and how we will remain in contact with you.

In the meantime, please continue to work with your child to ensure that they are aware of and are putting into practice the basic virus prevention methods (regular hand washing, avoiding touching your face, coughing into a tissue and disposing of it quickly etc). We will also be reinforcing these messages at school.

Yours sincerely,

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Headteacher

