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Corona Virus



Dear Parents & Carers

I would like to give you further updates on the steps we are taking as a school to safeguard the health of pupils, staff and visitors in respect of the Corona Virus outbreak.

In line with the latest Government guidance we are remaining open, until we receive a directive to close.

We have however needed to implement partial closures and close five of the six Primary Classes, due to the need for staff members to self-isolate. Thank you for your support and understanding at this challenging time.

Government guidance is very clear, that pupils or staff who present with a high temperature and / or a new persistent cough should self-isolate for 7 days.

Latest guidance also includes Symptoms within the household, please see link below.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

I would ask that if your son or daughter has these symptoms that they remain at home for 7 days from first noticing the symptoms and everyone else in your household then self-isolates for the recommended 14 days.

The government also issued Guidance on Social Distancing and have identified several vulnerable groups, they are advising these at-risk groups to distance themselves socially. Please read through the list of vulnerable groups and if you feel you or your child are at risk please follow government social distancing guidance. Please see link below.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-social-distancing-and-for-vulnerable-people/guidance-on-social-distancing-for-everyone-in-the-uk-and-protecting-older-people-and-vulnerable-adults>

I receive a daily update from the Department for Education (DFE) and will share these via the website on a daily basis going forward.

All off-site visits remain cancelled, I have extended this to visitors to the school, and from today all non-emergency meetings will be postponed.



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We are currently planning and preparing for further class closures and the inevitable whole school closure. If they haven't already class teachers will be sharing with you learning resources and activities that you will be able to use to continue your child's learning in the event of class or school closure.

We are doing everything that we can to keep abreast of the rapidly changing situation regarding the Coronavirus outbreak. We will continue to follow the very latest guidance and information from the Department for Education / Public Health England. If / when DfE / Government advice changes, then the school will react accordingly.

To reassure you, at this time, I want to let you know that the school has no known links to any person with a suspected or confirmed case of Coronavirus.

As I am sure you will be aware, the situation is changing daily and so we will continue to keep you fully informed of any news and information as it arises.

Thank you so much for your co-operation, patience and understanding.

Kindest regards

Mr Welsh

