



Tuesday 17th March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

Coronavirus Update

After information released yesterday afternoon, the main significant changes are as followed and apply from today and must be strictly adhered to:

- Parents and carers are asked to be highly vigilant in noticing symptoms and should not send children to school if they have a new, continuous cough or fever of 37.8 degrees or above.
- Parents of children with underlying health conditions should seek advice regarding the need to self-isolate even when asymptomatic and let the school know if this is a step which is being advised.
- Children with a family member who has symptoms should also self-isolate for 14 days.

A reminder about changes the school has put in place:

- All external trips are cancelled until the end of April '20.
- Except for the picking up and dropping off of children, only staff who are needed for the direct operational running of the school will be allowed on site during the school day.
- All clubs are cancelled including all clubs run through Kenzalia. Kenzalia will continue to operate but with the sole purpose of providing wraparound care for parents and carers who are unable to collect at 3:30pm. Its function has now changed from enhancing the curriculum to providing wraparound care and will change back at a later date.
- All other clubs will be cancelled, regardless of whether they are run by staff present at school.
- School events such as cake sales, which encourage the interaction of large groups, are cancelled.
- Parents and carers will have a larger area to stand in the morning with the intention they can leave comfortable gaps between each other.
- Parents and carers are encouraged to pick up children and leave in a calm but swift manner in order to minimise contact.

Water Bottles: Please make sure that your child brings in their own water bottle and it is named.

Absences

You will have noticed that some staff and some pupils are absent from school. This is because we are all following government advice and staying away from school for 14 days now if any staff member or pupil has a continuous cough or temperature. This doesn't mean they have COVID-19; it simply means that we are following government guidance to ensure the school community is as safe as possible in the current situation.

The school continues to prepare for 'Home Learning.' If your child is at home self-isolating, we are working on providing support through the website but our main priority remains with the provision of children on site. Further information will be provided over the coming days.

We continue to take advice from Public Health England (PHE) and the Department for Education (DfE) on next steps while maintaining the remit of prioritising the wellbeing of our children and staff.

Latest advice is shown below:

- **Children with Coronavirus symptoms (either a high temperature or a new, continuous cough) must be kept at home for 14 days and the school informed that they will be self isolating.**
<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

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- There is further guidance available from the government if children do have these symptoms. Please take some time to look here:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-people-with-confirmed-or-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

Please call NHS 111 if:

- You think you might have coronavirus
- In the last 14 days you have been to a country or area with a high risk of coronavirus
- You have been in close contact with someone with coronavirus

We have been advised by Public Health England that the phone lines are getting an unprecedented number of calls at the moment. If you require any advice from them please use the online tool: <https://111.nhs.uk/covid-19>

The latest advice on the coronavirus can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

As previously mentioned, all communications around COVID-19 (Cronoavirus) will be sent by email as well as published on the school website with a link on the homepage. Please check this regularly for updates.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Richards
Headteacher