



Wednesday 18th March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

Coronavirus Update

Please read below for up to date information and advice as it is changing on a daily basis:

- **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. It is very important that you check your child's temperature every morning before they come to school and you must keep them at home if their temperature is above 37.8 degrees. You should also check your own temperature and anyone else in your household.**
- 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.

Absences

You will have noticed that some staff and some pupils are absent from school. This is because we are all following government advice. This doesn't mean that we have diagnosed cases of 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. All children brought home their Home Learning Book yesterday. If your child is not currently at school, we will be asking children in class present today if they live nearby to any children not present. We are asking that parents and carers then drop off this book and/or any other support packs sent home by arranging a drop off. This might be leaving materials in front of the house, knocking on the door and leaving to then be picked up (minimising contact for obvious reasons). Thank you for your support in helping the whole school community.

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:

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<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>
- 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

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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