

17th March 2020

Dear Parents,

I write to update you on our response to COVID – 19.

The advice from the Department for Education and Public Health England remains that schools and childcare settings should stay open at this stage and continue as normal unless directed to close by Public Health England.

We are closely following DfE and Public Health guidance daily but I recognise that this is a fast-moving situation and arrangements may need to change.

We are putting in place the changes below with immediate effect;

- Assemblies have been cancelled until further notice
- There will be no more educational visits, trips, sports fixtures, etc carried out prior to the Easter break. All pre-existing visits, etc have been cancelled or postponed
- We will not allow any non-essential visitors to be brought in to the building and all meetings that have been organised with external visitors will be carried out via the telephone or postponed.

As a school, we are following the medical advice from the government which does state at present that:

- Anyone with symptoms should stay at home for at least 14 days.
- If you live with other people, they should stay at home for at least 14 days, to avoid spreading the infection outside the home.
- If you live with someone who is 70 or over, has a long-term condition, is pregnant or has a weakened immune system, try to find somewhere else for them to stay for 14 days.
- If you have to stay at home together, try to keep away from each other as much as possible.

You do not need to call NHS 111 to go into self-isolation. If your symptoms worsen during home isolation or are no better after 7 days, contact NHS 111 online. If you have no internet access, you should call NHS 111. For a medical emergency dial 999.

We take health, safety and hygiene very seriously, and the welfare of the children in our care and our staff is our primary concern. We already have robust procedures in place, particularly with regular hand washing and cleaning /sanitising all areas of the setting. As per the government guidelines, in order to protect our children and staff, we are having to put in place further measures, that you are required to follow until further notice:

- Please **DO NOT** send your child to School if they have a temperature of **37.8** or above. Children that develop temperature during the day must be collected immediately and remain at home for 14 days.
- Please **DO NOT** send your child to School if they develop a new, persistent cough. Children that develop a cough during the day must be collected immediately and remain at home for 14 days. Your co-operation with the above temporary changes to our policies and procedures is greatly appreciated.

Should the situation and advice to schools and childcare settings change we will contact you via text as well as the school website. Please ensure the main office has up to date contact details if they have changed.

Thank you for your continued support and take care of yourselves and each other.

Kind Regards,

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