COVID 19 / Coronavirus update

13th March 2020

Dear Parents,

I am writing to you about Coronavirus and the measures the Trust is taking to keep all pupils safe. We continue to monitor the situation regularly and to follow the advice of Public Health England (PHE). PHE and the Department for Education are in daily contact with Trusts and it is their decision-making and guidance we will continue to follow.

We are encouraging all members of the school to help in slowing the spread of all germs, including Coronavirus, and protecting themselves by:

- carrying tissues and using them to catch coughs or sneezes;
- placing the tissue in the bin;
- to kill the germs, washing their hands with soap and water, or using a sanitiser gel.

In addition to the previous letter sent earlier this week, I am writing regarding the current advice received yesterday which stated the following:

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

- new continuous cough, and/or high temperature
- high temperature

For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild infection

- If you have symptoms of coronavirus infection (COVID-19), however mild, stay at home and do not leave your house for 7 days from when your symptoms started.
- This action will help protect others in your community whilst you are infectious.
- Plan ahead and ask others for help to ensure that you can successfully stay at home.
- Ask your employer, friends and family to help you to get the things you need to stay at home.
- Stay at least 2 metres (about 3 steps) away from other people in your home whenever possible.
- Sleep alone, if that is possible.
- Wash your hands regularly for 20 seconds, each time using soap and water.
- Stay away from vulnerable individuals such as the elderly and those with underlying health conditions as much as possible.
• You do not need to call NHS111 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.

In all cases, Public Health England advice should be followed.


We will be endorsing this guidance in our school, so if any members of your family, including pupils at the school, display the symptoms above, please follow the seven day guidance above.

We will continue to monitor the situation and keep in touch with you as it develops.

Thank you for your support in protecting the health and wellbeing of all our pupils.

Yours sincerely

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CEO