Monday 16th March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

**Updated advice regarding Coronavirus**

As you may have heard in the news, the Government has issued updated advice regarding Covid-19 (Coronavirus). Whilst we are not aware of any confirmed cases in our school community, we are keen to make sure we follow the latest guidance.

We will continue to follow advice from Public Heath England and the Department for Education. This is subject to change at short notice and we will keep you updated as soon as we can.

The Government have given the following advice:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public>

**If your child has symptoms:**

**Stay at home for 7 days if you have either:**

* **a high temperature**
* **a new continuous cough**

**This will help to protect others in the community while you are infectious. You do not need to contact NHS 111 to tell them you’re staying at home.**

**Do not go to a GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital. People who are self-isolating with mild symptoms are unlikely to be tested. NHS 111 can help if you have an urgent medical problem and you’re not sure what to do. Call 999 in a life threatening medical emergency.**

**If your child has no symptoms:**

* **For most staff and children, it is SCHOOL AS USUAL** at this time (unless you have been in close contact with someone diagnosed with the infection).
* Wash your hands regularly and use hand gel when you cannot wash your hands.

If we identify the above symptoms, we will ring you and ask you to take your child home for self-isolation. Please make sure that we have your up to date contact details.

**If your child needs to self-isolate:**

Please make sure you let us know and follow the guidance on self-isolating at home.

<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>

**What happens after your child has self-isolated?**

Most people will no longer be likely to transmit the virus 7 days after symptoms have started. If your child is better after 7 days and no longer has a cough / temperature, you can bring them back to school.

If symptoms last more than 7 days you should contact NHS 111 online at 111.nhs.uk. If you have no internet access, you should call NHS 111.

With this fast-changing situation, we are continually updating our plans regarding events and activities. You will be told of any changes as soon as possible.

Thank you for your patience and understanding. We are relying on the compliance and honesty of our school community.

Please inform us if:

* Someone in the family home is self-isolating because of Coronavirus symptoms
* Someone in the family home is diagnosed with Coronavirus
* Someone in the family home has been in contact with a confirmed or possible case of Coronavirus

Kind Regards

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