

Tuesday 17th March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Prime Minister's Statement on Coronavirus 16th March 2020

Ensure that if you or anyone in your household has one of the two symptoms, you must all stay at home for fourteen days.

- a high temperature
- a new continuous cough

You need to 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>

Stop non-essential contact with others. This is particularly important for people over 70, for pregnant women and for those with some health conditions.

Stop all unnecessary travel.

Adults should work from home where they possibly can.

Avoid pubs, clubs, theatres and other such venues.

Only use the NHS when you really need to.

What are we doing in school?

- Everyone is expected to wash their hands when they arrive at school.
- Everyone is expected to wash their hands more regularly throughout the day and for at least 15 to 20 seconds.
- Tissues are readily available throughout school.
- Physical contact has been reduced to a minimum.
- Assemblies are cancelled.

- Our playtimes and lunchtime are staggered.
- All plans for educational visits are paused.
- We are reducing the number of visitors in school.
- We have increased the cleaning of frequently touched surfaces, for example, door handles and stair rails. Our toilets are already cleaned twice a day.

Spring Term meetings, activities, events and clubs:

- All planned Special Educational Needs review meetings are cancelled.
- All planned Speech and Language Therapy meetings are cancelled.
- All planned class assemblies are cancelled – Class 6 20.3.20 and Class 5 27.3.20.
- Year 2 parents and carers meeting about the ‘National Curriculum Assessment Tests’ is cancelled 30.3.20.
- Easter craft afternoon is cancelled 1.4.20.
- Premier Sport After School Clubs are cancelled. Children need to be collected at 3:15pm. Missed lessons will be given at a later date.
- Rock Steady lessons are cancelled. Information on refunds to follow.

Summer term meetings, activities and events:

- To be reviewed in the near future.

Schools are expected to remain open at this time. In order to stay open safely, we need to have enough members of staff at work. We will review the situation daily and may need to make difficult decisions about partially closing or closing the school. Breakfast Club and After School may also be affected. When decisions are made, they will be communicated to you as soon as possible. Please make sure we have your up to date contact details. We are grateful for your understanding and cooperation at this time.

Year groups are currently preparing home learning packs for children that are self-isolating or for use in the event of a school closure. More information to follow. In the meantime, please make use of Education City and continue with daily reading and topic projects.

The Government is asking people to do something that is difficult and disruptive of their lives.

Thank you for your patience. We are relying on our school community to be responsible, compliant and honest.

Please inform us if:

- Your household needs to self-isolate for 14 days.
- Someone in the household is diagnosed with Coronavirus.
- Someone in the household has been in contact with a confirmed or possible case of Coronavirus.

Kind Regards

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