



Tuesday 17th March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

UPDATE - Coronavirus

Yesterday evening, our Prime Minister, Boris Johnson, held a press conference and I would like to update you in light of what was said. He advised that anyone who lives with someone who has a 'new continuous cough' or a temperature should stay at home for 14 days.

He also advised the following:

- People should start working from home wherever possible;
- All unnecessary travel should be stopped;
- Pubs, clubs, theatres and other such venues should be avoided;
- Only use the NHS when you need to.

Below is what has been sent to me today from the Department for Education:

Yesterday, the Government introduced new guidance on whole household isolation in response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak:

- *if you live alone and you have symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), however mild, stay at home for 7 days from when your symptoms started*
- *if you live with others and you or another member of the household have symptoms of coronavirus, then all household members must stay at home and not leave the house for 14 days. The 14-day period starts from the day when the first person in the house became ill. It is likely that people living within a household will infect each other or be infected already. Staying at home for 14 days will greatly reduce the overall amount of infection the household could pass on to others in the community*
- *for anyone in the household who starts displaying symptoms, they need to stay at home for 7 days from when the symptoms appeared, regardless of what day they are on in the original 14-day isolation period.*

The symptoms are:

- *A high temperature (37.8 degrees and above)*
- *A new, continuous cough*

The full stay at home guidance for households with these symptoms can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>

The Prime Minister's statement from Monday 16 March can be found here:



<https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/pm-statement-on-coronavirus-16-march-2020>

Children should attend school as normal unless they are displaying symptoms or living with family members displaying symptoms.

In light of the current situation, future class assemblies, FrOGS events, parents evenings, swimming lessons and music lessons will be cancelled up until the Easter break.

As ever, I will continue to keep you updated and we will continue to make all decisions with the very best interests of your children, families and our staff in mind. I am incredibly proud to be Headteacher for our amazing community: our staff and children are phenomenal and I would like to take this opportunity to thank everybody for their support and understanding at this time.

Yours faithfully

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