



17th March 2020

Dear Parents / Carers.

The UK Government will now be issuing daily press conferences on the response to the Coronavirus outbreak and we will keep you updated on any actions that need to take place on the current guidance.

## **Government Update 16th March**

Anyone with recent onset symptoms of the virus, however mild, should stay at home along with anyone in the same household.

In a family setting, if one person in the household has a persistent cough or fever, everyone must stay at home for 14 days. Please do not send your child to school if you or anyone in your household are unwell with these symptoms. Inform the school offices that your child is being self-isolated.

Everyone should avoid gatherings and crowded places (however, schools remain open)

We are now postponing all non-essential activity that involves large gatherings of students and staff. The schools continue to follow the Public Health England Guidance on hygiene for staff, pupils and facilities.

Those at high risk will be asked to shield themselves from social contact for around 12 weeks\_however, the Government have not yet indicated the date on which this is due to commence. They have confirmed that high risk categories will include:

- People over the age of 70
- Other adults who would normally be advised to have the flu vaccine (such as those with chronic diseases)
- People who are pregnant





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This guidance is likely to have an effect on staffing, and it is possible that there will be insufficient teachers for all classes due to self-isolation of staff. Parent/carers will be informed via email or text if an event/meeting has been postponed or cancelled. This information will be posted on our Facebook pages.

Teachers in all year groups have been busily preparing resources to allow learning to continue at home should school have to close. Work is not being issued for pupils who are being self-isolated. Should school close we will contact the families that are self isolating and organise how work gets to each child.

Can I take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support as we all work together to respond to this difficult time.

Yours sincerely

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