

Friday 13th March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Coronavirus Update

Following the Government's announcement yesterday (Thursday 12th March), we have been considering the impact of these measures upon school. In order for us to assess comprehensively whether we can continue to meet all pupils' needs and to keep everybody safe, we need to consider our staffing, and the availability of our supporting services such as catering and cleaning.

Please be assured that it is our intention to remain open for as long as possible, within national and Local Authority guidelines.

I am very aware that we have many pupils who will be more vulnerable to infections, the Local Authority have advised that if parents/carers wish to withdraw their child from school due to health concerns and the Coronavirus, then they may do so and this absence would be recorded as authorised. If families make a decision to self-isolate, then please contact the school office and inform them. If you decide to self-isolate please also follow the national guidance.

Please ensure that you continue to keep up to date with national advice. The most helpful online links are as follows:

- <https://www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/coronavirus-covid-19-uk-government-response>
- <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public>
- <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19>
- <https://111.nhs.uk/> - this website contains a self-questionnaire which you may find useful.

I ask for your continued vigilance in ensuring that any child / young person who is unwell, whether this be with symptoms of the Coronavirus or otherwise, is kept off school until they are well enough to return.

We will continue to update you via our website, Facebook page and text messages.

Yours Sincerely

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