



COVID 19 / Coronavirus update – Tuesday 17th March

Dear Parents,

I am writing to you about Coronavirus and the continued measures the Trust is taking to keep all pupils safe. We continue to monitor the situation regularly and to follow the advice of Public Health England (PHE). PHE and the Department for Education are in daily contact with Trusts and it is their decision-making and guidance we will continue to follow.

I am now writing regarding the current advice received yesterday which stated the following:

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

- **new continuous cough, and/or high temperature**
- **high temperature**

For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild infection

- **If you or anyone in your household show symptoms of coronavirus infection (COVID-19), however mild, stay at home and do not leave your house for 14 days from when your symptoms started.**
- **If any pupil develops symptoms whilst at school, we will phone to have them collected and the above advice needs to be followed.**
- **These actions will help protect others in your community whilst you are infectious.**
- **Plan ahead and ask others for help to ensure that you can successfully stay at home.**
- **Ask your employer, friends and family to help you to get the things you need to stay at home.**



- Stay at least 2 metres (about 3 steps) away from other people in your home whenever possible.
- Sleep alone, if that is possible.
- Wash your hands regularly for 20 seconds, each time using soap and water.
- Stay away from vulnerable individuals such as the elderly and those with underlying health conditions as much as possible.
- You do not need to call NHS111 to go into self-isolation. If your symptoms worsen during home isolation or are no better after 7 days contact [NHS 111 online](#). If you have no internet access, you should call NHS 111. For a medical emergency dial 999.

In all cases, Public Health England advice should be followed.

I have asked all SLT schools to cancel/postpone all school events such as any parents' evenings, sports fixtures, performances etc until further notice. As you can appreciate, with new guidance constantly emerging, we are doing everything we can to keep our schools running and your support is greatly appreciated.

We will be endorsing all of this guidance in our school, so if any members of your family, including pupils at the school, display the symptoms above, please follow the 14-day guidance above.

We will continue to monitor the situation and keep in touch with you as it develops.

Thank you for your support in protecting the health and wellbeing of all our pupils.

Yours sincerely

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CEO