

16th March 2020

Dear Parents

Coronavirus – Additional measures to reduce the spread of the virus

We continue to review the information available to us, as you are aware this is a rapidly changing picture.

Current government policy is that schools should remain open, which we will do until we are instructed otherwise by the authorities.

As a school we have a legal and a moral duty to “provide appropriate and adequate care for staff and pupils”. This is a responsibility we take very seriously and we will be introducing additional ways to reduce the risks of spreading the virus.

For **at least the remainder of this term** the measures we will be introducing with immediate effect are:

- Cancelling all school trips, including swimming lessons
- Avoiding large group gatherings such as assemblies
- Postponing any planned in school events such as parents' evenings
- Reducing the number of visitors that enter the school building to an absolute minimum - at drop off in the morning we ask parents not to enter the building but handover children at the door if at all possible.

It is with huge regret we feel the need to cancel the Regal Event due to be held on 26th March. We know this will be disappointing for the children but agree that this is a necessary step to help reduce the risk of spreading the virus in line with today's Government advice

To help us keep the school as safe as possible for everyone could you please:

- Keep us informed of any reasons for absence
- Keep your child **and siblings** home from school for 14 days if they develop any symptoms of COVID-19 (**EITHER** a temperature and or a new persistent dry cough -you don't need to have both). Please be aware we have a separate code for this measure and there will not be any attendance letters issued this term
- Use the NHS website or contact 111 if you have any worries about your child's health or 999 in an emergency.

You can be assured that we will continue to monitor the children and, should any child present with symptoms during the day, we will contact you immediately to come and collect them and you will need to isolate them for recommended time.

We will of course be reminding the children and staff to wash their hands properly and regularly.

Thank you for your patience and understanding in supporting us through what is a uniquely challenging time for everyone. The Heads and all staff are working under difficult circumstances where we have ever changing information and we act swiftly to ensure we are protecting all children and staff.

Kind regards

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