

Update: 17th March, 2020

Dear Parent/ Carer,

I am writing to continue our update on the school's position in relation to the Coronavirus.

While the [letter](#) I sent yesterday remains largely accurate regarding the school's plans and response, the Prime Minister's announcement yesterday means the guidance on attendance to school has changed:

New guidance on attendance

Please see latest NHS guidance <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>:

Stay at home for 7 days if you have either:

- a high temperature – you feel hot to touch on your chest or back
- a new, continuous cough – this means you've started coughing repeatedly
- If you have the above symptoms and live with other people, they should stay at home for 14 days from the day the first person got symptoms
- If you have symptoms and live with someone who is 70 or over, has a long-term condition, is pregnant or has a weakened immune system, try to find somewhere else for them to stay for 14 days.
- If you have to stay at home together, try to keep away from each other as much as possible

This means pupils should not come to school for 7 days if they have symptoms. If they don't have symptoms, but live with someone who does, they must not come to school for 14 days.

Public Health advice is that you do not go to a GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital. You do not need to contact 111 to tell them you're staying at home. Testing for coronavirus is not needed if you're staying at home. Read [advice about staying at home](#). <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-advice/>

The BBC has a useful guide to identify the symptoms of Covid 19 and how to protect against the spread of infection - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-51711227>

I have shared the school's plans with pupils in assembly today and our expectations of work and behaviour should the school be closed. I also reminded them of their responsibilities to support each other, their families and community at what is likely to be a period of unprecedented challenge.

Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions.

Yours faithfully,



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