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Coronavirus update

17th March 2020

Should I keep my child at home?

Parents should make their own decision based on their own particular circumstances and following Government advice. Whatever decision you make will have my full support. Under these exceptional circumstances it will not affect their register mark. I hope this offers clarity and reassurance.

I would rather a child missed school for a short period of time than risk exposing themselves or other members of their family. I have a duty of care to protect children and in a wider sense their families.

The staff have been working hard on preparing work to be sent home and the school is prepared for closure.

I have also asked staff to make their own decision on attending school - based on their own particular circumstances and following Government advice. I have a duty of care to protect my staff team and in a wider sense their families too.

We will only close the school if advised by Public Health England that we should do so or if the government announces blanket closures. **However insufficient staffing levels may also necessitate closure or partial closure in the coming days.**

Government Advice

The Government advises that those who are at increased risk of severe illness from coronavirus (COVID-19) to be particularly stringent in following social distancing measures.

This group includes those who are:

- aged 70 or older (regardless of medical conditions)
- under 70 with an underlying health condition listed below (ie anyone instructed to get a flu jab as an adult each year on medical grounds):
 - chronic (long-term) respiratory diseases, such as [asthma](#), [chronic obstructive pulmonary disease \(COPD\)](#), emphysema or [bronchitis](#)
 - chronic heart disease, such as [heart failure](#)
 - [chronic kidney disease](#)
 - chronic liver disease, such as [hepatitis](#)
 - chronic neurological conditions, such as [Parkinson's disease](#), [motor neurone disease](#), [multiple sclerosis \(MS\)](#), a learning disability or cerebral palsy
 - [diabetes](#)
 - problems with your spleen – for example, [sickle cell](#) disease or if you have had your spleen removed
 - a weakened immune system as the result of conditions such as [HIV and AIDS](#), or medicines such as [steroid tablets](#) or [chemotherapy](#)
 - being seriously overweight (a body mass index (BMI) of 40 or above)
- those who are pregnant



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Yesterday, the Government introduced new guidance on whole household isolation in response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak:

- if you live alone and you have symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), however mild, stay at home for 7 days from when your symptoms started
- if you live with others and you or another member of the household have symptoms of coronavirus, then all household members must stay at home and not leave the house for 14 days. The 14-day period starts from the day when the first person in the house became ill. It is likely that people living within a household will infect each other or be infected already. Staying at home for 14 days will greatly reduce the overall amount of infection the household could pass on to others in the community
- for anyone in the household who starts displaying symptoms, they need to stay at home for 7 days from when the symptoms appeared, regardless of what day they are on in the original 14-day isolation period.

The symptoms are:

- A high temperature (37.8 degrees and above)
- A new, continuous cough

The full stay at home guidance for households with these symptoms can be found here:

- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>

The Prime Minister's statement from Monday 16 March can be found here:

- <https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/pm-statement-on-coronavirus-16-march-2020>

Handwashing advice

The most important thing individuals can do to protect themselves is to wash their hands more often, for at least 20 seconds, with soap and water. Public Health England recommends that in addition to handwashing before eating, and after coughing and sneezing, everyone should also wash hands after using toilets and travelling on public transport.

Watch this short NHS film for guidance:

- <https://youtu.be/bQCP7waTRWUAs>

As mentioned in my conclusion statement to yesterday's letter:

If school closes, pupils will be provided with school work; and parents will be provided with a way of communicating with school.

Finally, I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and to thank all staff members who are all working incredibly hard to ensure we can continue to support the school community.

I understand how challenging and worrying the current situation is and thank you for your patience and support during this difficult period; *we all have family members to protect and we all have the responsibility to end the spread of the virus.*

Take care,

Richard Hunt
Headteacher