

17 March 2020

Dear Parent/ Carer

Coronavirus Update No 2

Yesterday evening the Prime Minister announced further guidance as part of the Governments "delay" phase, which we must adhere to, so please take a moment to read the new advice;

- **Anyone who lives within a household, with anyone who is displaying symptoms of a new, continuous cough or high temperature (37.8 degrees and above) should stay at home for 14 days.**

We also understand why those of you have elected to keep your children off school have taken this decision, which must be based on your family's circumstances.

When there is the decision to close the school building, then we will move to full remote learning. Today we have worked with all students present, to download Class Charts to their phones. This will be the main provider of work and guidance for all students and parents/carers. Please ensure you (as parent/carers) have your log in so you can closely monitor the work set and you can directly see what your child is required to do at home. Those who are not online or have no internet connection will be provided with booklets and hard copies of materials to work with.

In the meantime, we are working very hard to set work and send it to those who are absent, to tide them over. We respectfully request parents to please be patient with teachers, as we continue to get this remote learning plan in place. Teachers are currently delivering a full timetable and supporting/ covering for absent colleagues who are unable to get into school.

Understandably, we are being inundated with emails and telephone calls from concerned parents, with lots of questions about their individual situation. We cannot "tell" you what to do, we can only advise you to follow the guidance provided by the Government each day.

These are unprecedented times, and we will do our best to continue to support you and your children as best we can.

We will place a student powerpoint/ instructions / booklet for remote learning on our website today. If we do close staff will have clear guidance as to how they will work from home and communicate with your children. I will write out again with further details in due course.

All external visitors, trips/visits/activities and external support agencies have been cancelled. Parents may not attend the school building as we practice self-distancing. Only our own staff and your children will be allowed school contact.

Thank you once again for your support.

Yours faithfully



Mrs J S Bridges OBE
Principal