

17th March 2020 Update

Coronavirus - COVID-19 - Information for members of our school community including parents, carers and staff

Following the most recent update from the Prime Minister yesterday, we are reviewing our provision in schools. As of today, we are still able to keep all of our schools open. We will continue to monitor this on a daily basis, with staff and pupil illness and absence.

In response to the most recent communication, we have taken the following actions:

- We are asking you as parents and carers to make contact with your medical professional if you have a child with an underlying health issue, and advise us of any actions to be taken
- Guided staff with underlying health issues to do as above
- Cancelled all performances, parents evening and gatherings of groups for planned events
- Cancelled all trips and clubs
- Should wrap around care or Nursery provision need to be altered, school will contact you
- Limited access to schools from non-essential visitors i.e. parent/carer helpers, central staff, governors' meetings and any school to school contact

Teachers will be providing work for children who are either ill or self-isolating, for them to complete as and when they are able, in-line with the rest of the class.

I am aware that the Secretary of State has signalled that schools will not be criticised for absence rates as a result of these extraordinary circumstances.

Should we need to close the schools in the future, either because of government advice or because we are no longer able to adequately and safely staff the school, we have put in place the following measures:

- Teachers will be uploading age appropriate learning for children to complete via class pages on the school websites (if you are unable to access this information digitally, please collect a printed copy from the school office)
- Teachers will be sharing ideas with each other across the Trust, to provide adequate resources for your children
- A clear line of communication for schools to relay to you as a parent/carer, should the decision be made that we will close the school

Please ensure that school has your most recent contact details for mobile, email and landline.

Should the need arise to close the school, the procedure will be that we will contact you by email, text, website updates (and phone if needed). Please be assured that we would always continue to supervise children until the last child has been collected. We will never leave a child unsupervised.

You may want to update the rest of your family and any other external agencies that you are in contact with. Please feel free to contact anyone at school, should you wish to discuss the contents of this letter in more detail. Staff will continue to work from home, with direction from Leadership Teams.

We are in unprecedented circumstances in peace time. We thank you for your continued support.

We will continue to follow guidance and adapt to provide children with the best education we can.

Adrian Massey

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Practical ways to prevent the spread of respiratory viruses:

There are general principles anyone can follow to help prevent the spread of respiratory viruses, including:

- Washing your hands often - with soap and water, or use alcohol sanitiser if handwashing facilities are not available. This is particularly important after taking public transport
- Covering your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throwing the tissue in a bin
- People who feel unwell should stay at home and should not attend work or any education or childcare setting
- Pupils, students, staff and visitors should wash their hands:
 - before leaving home
 - on arrival at school
 - after using the toilet
 - after breaks and sporting activities
 - before food preparation
 - before eating any food, including snacks
 - before leaving school
- Use an alcohol-based hand sanitiser that contains at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands
- Avoid close contact with people who are unwell
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces

Thank you in advance for supporting us by following the latest advice and guidance. For further information, please see the [Public Health England Blog](#) and the [NHS UK website](#).

In the meantime, if you are worried about your symptoms or those of a child or colleague, please call NHS 111 - do not go directly to your GP or other healthcare environment.