



Coronavirus Update 17th March

Dear all,

As I am sure you have all seen on the news by now the government gave an update and new guidance yesterday evening. The new guidance from Public Health England states that:

'If you live with others and you or one of them 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'

There is also a recommendation in place to ask the public to limit any social interactions. With the latest in mind I have taken the decision to postpone Parents' Evening and all other events where parents visit school until Easter in the first instance. There are still no plans to close schools at this stage from government.

This new guidance will clearly increase self-isolation and absence from school. Since the new guidance was announced it has already started to impact on staffing and I need to make parents aware that there will have to be changes in usual provision in order to continue functioning.

I fully understand that these are worrying times. Please look after yourselves and your families. If you or anyone in your household has any of the symptoms as set out by Public Health shown below please stay at home for the 14 days:

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

- new continuous cough and/or
- high temperature

It is worth reflecting that the current advice also states that:

For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness

I will keep you all updated as we receive further information and as the situation progresses. Thank you once again for your ongoing support.

Kind regards

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