



Coronavirus Update 18th March

Dear all,

Welcome to update number 3.

Staff update: I thought I would start with a quick staff update as some staff have had to self-isolate due to the new guidance and will be absent for 14 days:

Staple Hill

Staff absent	Arrangements
Miss Shield	Due to the number of children absent we are combining both Reception classes into one with Mrs Boulton as their teacher for the next few days.
Miss Peters	
Mrs Pollard	All clubs have been cancelled, no daily mile
Mrs Ferguson	A supply teacher will cover the class on Thursday and Friday
Mrs Dawes	Please direct any urgent concerns to your child's class teacher or Mrs Boulton

Kings' Forest

Staff absent	Arrangements
Mr Black	Mrs Wiltshire will look after the class with Ms Keddie for the rest of this week and we will confirm arrangements for next week ASAP
Mrs Jarman-Davis	Miss Robbins and Mrs Grabham will cover the next few days with the aim of a supply teacher taking over on Friday.
Mrs Lewis	Mrs Lewis is still on compassionate leave and Miss White will continue in Yr 1 next week
Kitchen staff	There may have to be changes to the menu at the last minute and we may have to consider moving to a reduced service from next week. We will still ensure provision of a meal.

Several local schools have closed due to staff shortages either fully or partially. I will do my very best to stay open as long as staffing numbers are safe to do so.

Self-Isolation

Miss Robbins has prepared some home learning suggestions for those who are absent from school due to self-isolating for 14 days should parents wish them to complete it.

Parents' Evening

We are currently looking at ways to share information about children's progress and will confirm a plan as we develop one. The current position is that Parents' Evening is postponed.

SATs and Phonics Screening Check

I'm aware of the impact this situation is likely to have on tests. Whilst my immediate concern is the health and safety of pupils and their families, clearly the longer-term impact is a concern too. I have been in communication with National Association of Headteachers and I'm confident that these matters are being raised with government. I will keep you updated with any further information as and when we receive it.

Food bank appeal:

During this difficult time, many families income has been impacted upon and the need to access foodbanks is becoming higher than ever. Should schools be mandated to close the need for this service becomes even more vital. Therefore, we are asking that if you can spare anything from the list below please send it into school so we can pass it on to the foodbank and support local families in need.

Foodbank Donation shopping list:

Tinned Vegetables, Tinned Mushrooms, Tinned Meatballs, Tinned Veg Curry, Rice, Boxed/Drum Mashed Potatoes, Coffee, Tinned Minced Beef, Tinned Stews, Pasta Sauce Sachets, Boxed Soup, Shampoo, Deodorants, Shaving Foam, Soap, Washing Up Liquid

Ibuprofen

Several stories have emerged about treating coronavirus symptoms with ibuprofen, I thought parents might find this article from the BBC helpful: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/51929628>

Staple Hill FOS Mother's Day Shop

The FOS Mother's Day shop will continue as planned. Volunteers will take precautions.

Key information from yesterday:

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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