

## CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

UPDATE TO PARENTS/CARERS – TUESDAY 17<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2020



We are of course receiving a number of questions about the Coronavirus and our response as a group of schools. We have put together a Frequently Asked Question paper that can be accessed [here](#) and on each school's website.

In addition, just like any other place of work we do have a number of staff who, for various health reasons, may be more susceptible to complications if they contracted the virus. For this reason we have asked those staff to self-isolate. We will also be asking any staff who have any symptoms of the virus to self-isolate in order to protect themselves and our children and young people.

I repeat what I said in my letter to parents on Friday that no staff have tested positive and we have had no instance of a member of staff getting the Coronavirus yet.

However, when staff are self-isolating, for whatever reason, our schools will need to utilise supply teachers and other staff to cover classes and/or restructure classes so that your child's learning can be maintained. This is something that may become more regular as the Coronavirus issue develops and therefore I will not expect our schools to routinely inform parents of these changes - which would be our usual practice for our primary schools.

I trust that you will understand that there are going to be more important tasks for our school staff to be doing during this difficult situation. However, please be reassured that any staff we bring in will have been fully screened in terms of fulfilling our safeguarding procedures.

Thank you

Mark Davies

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