



Governors' Vision

*To grow an outstanding learning community where we embrace and nurture the individual
Everyone will have the confidence to embark upon future challenges
Inspiring all to achieve*

13th March 2020

Dear Parents,

Following the Prime Minister's announcement yesterday, and in line with the new guidance outlined, we request that any child with the following symptoms be kept at home for seven days and not sent in to school:

- A new **or** persistent cough
- A high temperature

This applies from today (Friday 13th March) until further notice. Please see further advice in relation to this new measure here: <https://111.nhs.uk/covid-19>

The webpage above also includes a link to the NHS 111 online service if you find yourself in this situation. Please do not come into the school, either, if you are feeling unwell. Please phone the office if this presents a problem for you. Our whole community needs to pull together to minimise the risk of this virus spreading.

The advice is ever changing and the country is very much in the early stages of preventing the spread of the disease. I myself am ensuring I live a much 'smaller' life for the next few weeks, avoiding any unnecessary travel and attendance at events and would encourage others to do so, too.

As of next week, we have taken the difficult decision as a school to:

- Postpone class assemblies
- Ask that volunteers do not come in to school
- Postpone any meetings with external agencies or local schools with larger groups of people
- Postpone any parent workshops and events such as the Emotion Coaching workshop for parents

Once again, the measures we are putting in place are not intended to cause panic or alarm – we are simply doing our best to minimise any potential spread or contraction of Covid-19.

In light of the need to follow Public Health guidelines which could include ensuring staff self-isolate for seven days for persistent coughs and high temperatures, it is possible the school will face staffing shortages. It is impossible to predict whether this will become a problem. However, early next week I will write to you to outline our contingency plan in the event that staffing becomes an issue.

Finally, thank you for the continued support from all parents in these exceptional circumstances.

Kindest regards

Jason Walters
Headteacher