

Friday, 13th March 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Corona Virus

Many of you will have heard the latest guidance from the government, released yesterday, in response to the spread of Covid 19 or the Coronavirus.

Essentially, not much has changed for schools. We remain open and will be emphasising good hygiene practises, especially regular handwashing for all of our children and staff.

We have all now been advised to self-isolate if we experience either one, or both, of the following symptoms:

- A persistent cough (up to 4 hours)
- A fever (temperature over 37.8)

If your child experiences these symptoms, please keep them off school (and out of public places) for 7 days from when the symptoms begin. Please let us know in the usual way so we are aware and can authorise their absence.

The school continues to receive regular guidance from Public Health England and the Local Authority. We will update you if any advice we receive involves changes to the advice in this letter. In the meantime, our school will be engaging in all of our usual curriculum activities. This includes all of our planned trips.

Some of you may find the following advice around how to cope with stress during this time useful. It has been published by the World Health Organisation:

<http://southharingayschools.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Helping-children-cope-with-stress-.pdf>

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Yours sincerely,

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