

17th March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Here is our daily update following the latest Department of Education's guidance sent to schools this afternoon at 2.41pm:

New guidance for households with symptoms

Yesterday, the Government introduced new guidance on whole household isolation in response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak:

if you live alone and you have symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), however mild, stay at home for 7 days from when your symptoms started

if you live with others and you or another member of the household 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. It is likely that people living within a household will infect each other or be infected already. Staying at home for 14 days will greatly reduce the overall amount of infection the household could pass on to others in the community

for anyone in the household who starts displaying symptoms, they need to stay at home for 7 days from when the symptoms appeared, regardless of what day they are on in the original 14-day isolation period.

The symptoms are:

A high temperature (37.8 degrees and above)

A new, continuous cough

The full stay at home guidance for households with these symptoms can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>

The Prime Minister's statement from Monday 16 March can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/pm-statement-on-coronavirus-16-march-2020>

The Department for Education coronavirus helpline is available to answer questions about COVID-19 relating to education and children's social care. Staff, parents and young people can contact this helpline as follows:

Phone: 0800 046 8687

Opening hours: 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday), 10am to 4pm (Saturday to Sunday)

Here is our latest update on our specific school issues:

- Y4 Easter Experience has been cancelled
- If your child begins to display any of the symptoms mentioned above, we will need to send them home. We would appreciate it if you could come as quickly as possible in order to minimise the spread. Please see the stay at home guidance link above.

Thank you for all of your support and the support that you as families are offering each other.

Kind regards,

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