

18th March 2020

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

We are writing to update you on some additional planning for the remainder of the term, should the school remain open. Since entering the 'Delay Phase' on 12th March attendance figures are as follows:

13<sup>th</sup> March – 99%

16<sup>th</sup> March – 96%

17<sup>th</sup> March – 90%

18<sup>th</sup> March – 85%

The amended guidance issued by the Government on the 16th March has meant that more staff and children have been impacted, however the percentage of school staff present in school today was still very high at 90%. **The school does not have any multiple classes being covered by teaching or support staff at this present time.**

The advice regarding self-isolation for people presenting symptoms of high temperature or a new persistent cough remains at 14 days for the whole household.

In addition, people are advised:

- Do not go to a GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital.
- Do not contact 111 to tell them you're staying at home.
- Testing for coronavirus is not needed if you're staying at home.
- Read our [advice about staying at home](#).

**School staff cannot give you any further advice on this matter as we do not have the knowledge or the authority to do so.**

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If you feel that your family circumstances require you to self-isolate because of other extenuating health circumstances or because you care for someone with additional health concerns, we will support your decision to do so. We do ask however that you contact the school to let us know your intentions so we can monitor how the epidemic is impacting on the school.

Parents Evening next week will not take place for many reasons including the number of families self-isolating. We will send you more information regarding this in the new term.

Teachers today are sending a learning pack home in preparation for a potential school closure. We kindly request that the children do not complete any of the home learning work until there is a school closure. Each year group has developed relevant packs to their age group, and as such there will be differences between each pack. Including online work, there is enough work to keep the children busy for 2 weeks ahead of the Easter holiday.

Please be aware that teachers are unable to respond to individual requests for further work.

If your child is currently not at school, we would be grateful if you could arrange for your child's pack to be collected from school. You may know another Corpus Christi family who would be able to do this for you if you are self-isolating. If this is not possible, please contact your child's class teacher.

Please be aware that until we are instructed to do anything differently by the Government, school is still running as normal and children are partaking in regular lessons; we are also reassuring them during this uncertain time.

As ever, we will do our very best to provide your children with a sense of calm and purpose with a focus on learning and enjoyment. Corpus Christi school staff have responded brilliantly to this crisis and are steadfast in their desire to support the school community during these uncertain times. Finally, thank you for your continued support, we are all greatly appreciative of this and it makes a huge difference.

Yours faithfully,

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