



Thursday 12th March 2020

Dear Parent(s)

Covid-19 update

Following recent updates from Government, NHS England and Lambeth in the last few days, we are writing with an update about our response to Covid-19 for your information.

Current situation at Corpus Christi

- Whilst we have had a small number of children and their families self-isolate for short periods, none of these cases have tested positive
- At this stage we have no plans to close the school unless it proves necessary or mandatory (see below for details of our Contingency Plan)
- To minimise the risk of infection amongst our community our measures include (but not only):
 - continuing to practise good hygiene, including regular handwashing, tissues in every classroom, and hand-sanitisers across the school;
 - practising a rigorous cleaning protocol of the school;
 - refraining from shaking hands;
 - having a separate medical room for isolating individuals who report symptoms;
 - asking visitors to rearrange their meetings if they come from a high-risk area and have not self-isolated for 14 days prior;
 - the ongoing consideration of future large group meetings.

Trips

We are taking advice from Public Health England (PHE) and from Educational Trip destinations about whether these trips should go ahead; Where possible these trips will be rearranged.

School Journeys

At this time they are still scheduled to go ahead and we will keep this continually under review in order to notify you at the earliest opportunity if anything changes.

If someone in our community contracts Covid-19

If a case is confirmed amongst pupils or staff (or for a person they are connected with or may have been in close contact with), then we will report this to Public Health England who will undertake an immediate risk assessment and advise on what actions are necessary. Their assessment includes the identification of pupils and staff who have had contact with the person who has become infected, and areas where s/he has spent time. If children or staff are required to take a test following medical advice, they will self-isolate away from the school until it is deemed they are free from infection

Notifying the school

Please do let the school office know if you believe you or your child have been in direct contact with a confirmed case of Covid-19 or if you or a direct family member has travelled recently to Category 1 or Category 2 regions as identified on the government's website

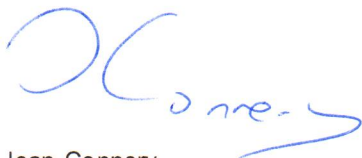
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-specified-countries-and-areas/covid-19-specified-countries-and-areas-with-implications-for-returning-travellers-or-visitors-arriving-in-the-uk>

Contingency Plan for Remote Learning should we need to close

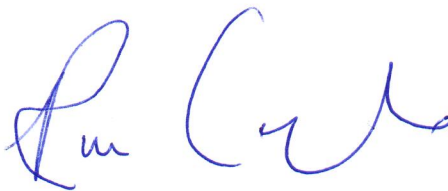
Please be reassured that should the school need to or be required by government to close for extended periods of self-isolation, then we have a contingency plan for delivering some learning for all our pupils, with particular attention for those in Year 6 sitting public examinations. **You may want to ensure that your child has access to a computer at home in order to receive materials online if extended periods of closure are necessary. If you don't think this is possible, please contact Mrs Geraldine Tatton on gtatton@corpuschristi.lambeth.sch.uk**

We may witness increasing concern about the spread of coronavirus over the next few days and weeks and we will do all we can to reassure the pupils in our care that their welfare is our utmost concern.

Regards



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Co-Headteacher



Robert Coyle
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