

To all Parents/Carers of all Pupils
Of Inspire Academy

13th March 2020

Re: Important information - please read re. Coronavirus

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to update you with the actions that Inspire Academy has put in place, and will be taking, with regards to the on-going issue of the Coronavirus pandemic within the UK.

Firstly, I would like to reassure you that all of the actions that we as a school have already taken has been on the advice of Public Health England, the NHS and the Government; and that this action has been both considered and measured to ensure we do not overreact or be alarmist – school has essentially continued as normal.

Following the announcement from the Prime Minister and the Chief Medical Officer yesterday, we are now at the ‘Delay’ stage. This means that schools may be requested to remain closed for a period of time, or anyone displaying symptoms of a fever, virus or cold would be expected to self-isolate for 7 days. If the latter happens then this could mean that a significant number of students and staff are absent from school.

We have now reached this stage, but at present there is no reason for the school to close, however, it would be sensible for us to prepare for such eventuality. The best way to prevent the transmission of the virus is through good hand hygiene. We are encouraging all students and staff to wash their hands regularly throughout the day. Please encourage the same good hygiene practices at home.

We are continuing to receive daily information from the Government about the impact of the Coronavirus, and we are keeping a particular eye on how this impact will affect the run-up to the summer examination period. **In the meantime, we as a school will continue as normal.**

We have created individualised packs of works for all pupils should we be forced to close either partially or fully and you will be kept informed of any changes to the normal school day.

The picture is changing regularly and should the advice we receive change, please rest assured we will contact you with any updated advice.

The Department for Education has launched a new helpline to answer questions about COVID-19 related to education. Staff, parents and young people can contact the helpline as follows:

- Phone: 0800 046 8687
- Email: coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk
- Opening hours: 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday)

Yours sincerely,



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