



LITTLE ILFORD SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers

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Coronavirus prevention

I wanted to update you on the steps we are taking to safeguard the health and wellbeing of your child during this difficult time. Like many other schools, we have taken the decision to limit the school to 'core duties' in order to mitigate the risk to staff and students. This will include:

- Cancelling after school clubs, activities, meetings and fixtures
- Cancelling visitors to school, except anything judged essential
- Cancelling parents evenings, meetings and events, starting with the cancellation of Wednesday's Year 9 parents evening

Our priority, as always, is the safety and wellbeing of our students, staff and the wider school community. We are ensuring that the highest standards of hygiene are observed at school and urge families to ensure that the **guidance** attached is followed at home. Please remind your child about the importance of rigorous handwashing during the school day, as well as on entry to and exit from the school building.

Students should continue to come to school until further notice, according to the government guidelines. **If your child is unwell and you are concerned, the current advice for anyone who is showing signs of shortness of breath, coughing or fever is to call NHS 111.** If your child is sick and you suspect that they may have symptoms of the virus, please let the school know. In this instance, we ask that you do not send your child to school.

Preparation for potential school closure notice

The government currently has no plans to close schools. However, under the advice of Public Health England, we have been informed that schools across England and Wales *may* close to prevent further spread of Coronavirus and you can be assured that we have a plan in place, in case we are notified this week. In this situation, you will be informed by text and letter home if the decision to close is taken during the day. Your child will also be given home learning for the duration of the closure.

In the event that we are unable to open the school due to staff sickness before school begins, we will notify you by text and post a notice on the school website.

Thank you for your assistance in keeping everyone safe and well.

Kindest regards,

Helen Marriott
Co-Headteacher

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