



Thursday 27th February

Dear Parents,

Coronavirus Updates

Following the receipt of a number of advisories from Public Health England, the NHS and the Foreign and Commonwealth Office we feel it is important we communicate the school's current situation regarding coronavirus.

Currently we have no indication that any of our students, staff or families have come into contact or visited areas affected by this virus.

As a group, coronaviruses are common across the world. COVID-19 is a new strain of coronavirus with typical symptoms of:

- high temperature
- cough
- shortness of breath

similar to those of the common cold or flu.

As a school we teach about good hygiene in our PSHE lessons, which is currently the best way to reduce the risk of any viruses spreading person to person. We will be hosting assemblies with students in the coming week to discuss the benefits of good hygiene and how students can positively contribute to the school environment by doing this. The most effective way to prevent the spread of any virus is to do the following:

- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze
- put used tissues in the bin immediately
- wash your hands with soap and water often – use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- try to avoid close contact with people who are unwell

Students can take their own precautions by carrying tissues and hand sanitiser to be used throughout the school day. We will be making tissues available to students in classrooms and toilets are open during break and lunch for students to wash their hands.

Educational Visits

We have had correspondence with a small number of parents regarding the Endeavour Ski Trip departing on 3rd April 2020 who are concerned about the proximity to an affected area. At present all school visits, both local and overseas, will continue as planned.

We will continue to take the advice of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office in advance of any visit departing and we will communicate with parents if any changes to visits are made. If we are advised not to travel, then of course we would claim against this loss.

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Parents may choose to remove their children from these trips if they remain concerned despite reassurances. However, if there are no warnings against travel to the area to be visited, there will be no opportunity to claim any costs back on insurance.

In the event of an outbreak of Coronavirus we would contact parents advising them of the appropriate course of action being taken by school. Likewise, if any parents need to inform us of any potential contact with confirmed coronavirus cases, please let us know as soon as possible.

In the absence of this, we look forward to welcoming all our students into school.

Yours sincerely,

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