

Dear Parents and Carers

17th March 2020

The guidance on Covid-19 is ever-changing but I wanted to update you on some measures we are taking at the school in light of yesterday's announcements on social distancing and self-isolation.

The following summarises the most recent steps:

- All imminent school trips, visits and cross-school activities are cancelled, to reduce interaction with large groups and other communities. We are taking guidance on the Residential Trip from PGL and health professionals.
- School worship assemblies have been postponed to support advice on social distancing
- Sporting fixtures have been postponed, as above
- Church Services have been cancelled, as above
- After-school use of the site / lettings have been cancelled
- School clubs have been stopped so that staff are better able to monitor and supervise pupil hygiene and interaction – Rascals and Quiet Club will continue
- Hand-washing is now mandatory at the beginning of school, at each transition point during the day (break and lunch, for example) and at the end of the school day – these times are a minimum and pupils and staff will be encouraged to wash hands at every opportunity
- Non-essential and non-urgent meetings have been cancelled or postponed. Please use email for contact with staff wherever possible.
- The Parents Evening has been postponed and we will provide written reports in their place.

In terms of absence, we expect all parents and staff to adhere to the Government's 14-day guidance on self-isolation, if someone in their family is showing signs of the virus. I will notify you if this changes. My staff are developing packs of work and online resources to support continued learning for pupils affected by this.

As you will know, there is currently no central mandate to close schools. Until this changes, we will maintain as normal a school day as possible, on the understanding that we have sufficient staff and resources to teach, supervise, provide lunches, ensure a clean school and oversee pupils safely.

The only thing that is certain, in these unprecedented times, is that the situation will continue to evolve and measures will change accordingly. I will keep you all updated regularly.

Please take care of each other, and thank you for your on-going support.

Yours faithfully

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