



Friday 13th March 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians

Following the updates announced after the government's Cobra meeting yesterday, and the ongoing expert advice we continue to receive as a school, I write to update you on the latest developments.

We are still unaffected by any cases of the virus but continue to adopt a precautionary approach whilst still maintaining the core elements of school life for our pupils.

The government has advised that people with a new persistent cough or high temperature specifically should self-isolate for seven days. We therefore ask you to keep your children at home if they have these symptoms and for the full seven days.

The core operation of the school continues undiminished. However, to remove parents and families from a position of uncertainty and to offer clarity, school events which are public facing will be cancelled up until the end of the Spring Term. This includes external sports fixtures and our sports leaders event, our Senior and Prep concerts and the End of Term Service. For our Pre-Prep pupils who take swimming lessons with us, these sessions will be cancelled. However, the Year 4 and Year 5 Parents' Evenings will carry on as planned due to our ability to control the space in which this takes place across the school.

School trips within the UK will go ahead, however, we will continue to monitor the situation. Any changes and you will be notified immediately. The government have advised restricting school overseas trips and we are in contact with our Icelandic Tour Operator with regard our Iceland Trip during Easter. Further information will be provided to parents regarding this as soon as we have heard back from the operator. Organising any further trips have been put on hold. A decision on future trips will be reviewed in the coming weeks as we continue to assess the situation.

In terms of planned family holidays during Easter, if travel is planned to any restricted areas, please be advised that you may be required to self-isolate and not allowed to return to school until after a quarantine period is completed and/or a negative test result is received. For all the latest advice regarding travel please refer to www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19

Thank you again for the calm and supportive nature in which you have reinforced our proactive precautions to ensure the safety of our community with regards COVID-19. Your support is appreciated as we continue school life as normally, and safely, as possible.

Kind regards

Yours sincerely

Many thanks

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