

20<sup>th</sup> March 2020

**Re: Coronavirus (COVID-19)**

Dear Parents/Carers

We continue to monitor the coronavirus situation closely and are following guidance from Public Health and the Department for Education. We ask you as families to continue to follow the guidance as well so that our pupils, staff and families are kept as safe and well as possible. I have provided the link for you below.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers>

The government is advising that where children can be cared for safely at home then they should be. For now, our schools remain open for children in families of keyworkers on Monday assuming we have enough staff to operate safely. If we are able to accommodate more children we will contact you personally to arrange this. The local authority is trying to arrange transport for those who are eligible as best as they can. Timing may need to be flexible.

Today we are telephoning all the families who have confirmed that one or more of the carers is a keyworker to establish their position. Over the next few days we will telephone families where children are not in school to see how you are.

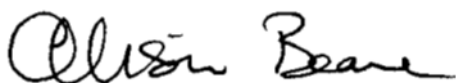
To remind you: anyone who has a high temperature and/or a persistent new cough is to self-isolate for 14 days. Do not send your child into school if they have a high temperature, feel unwell or have just started a cough. In the same way if any child appears to become unwell at school then we will contact you and ask you to take them home in the normal way. Please also follow the guidance on social distancing, avoiding crowds to help prevent the spread of the virus and wash hands regularly and thoroughly.

By the end of today or first thing on Monday we will be uploading work, activity ideas and suggestions for suitable websites and guides on how to use them, on our school websites to support you whilst you and your children are at home. These will be updated regularly.

We will continue to operate a texting system to keep parents up to date and post information on our websites.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your Head of School in the first instance or myself.

Kind regards



**Alison Beane**  
**Executive Headteacher**