



Dear Parents

We are through the first day back at school after half term and we would like to thank you all for your understanding and cooperation in dealing with the Coronavirus outbreak.

We cannot emphasise enough how important it is to follow our self-isolation policy where there is the slightest possibility of one of you or your children having been exposed to contagion or showing the slightest signs of infection, and to respect the procedures and preventative measures that we have put in place and recommended. **We are following government guidelines in this, which can change daily, but being more stringent in our self-isolation policy in the best interest of all our pupils, parents and staff.** We also rely on you to follow the same practice.

It will take just one instance to occur at school to force us to close both our schools for the minimum 14 day isolation period, and in all likelihood longer.

I would also like to emphasise that we have a number of “vulnerable” adults and children amongst our school family, and that we are making every best effort to protect these people from catching the virus, which in their cases could be very serious.

Happily to date we have no Coronavirus cases at school.

We have three members of our staff who have travelled to **Category 1 and 2 areas** during the break (but showing no signs of infection) and 20 children across both our schools, **all in self-isolation for 14 days after their return.** Young people so far seem not to be badly affected by the virus, it seems more a problem for the elderly, but young children can be carriers without being aware of it, so vigilance and prudence is vital to us all.

Better be safe than sorry.

This global outbreak is likely to be with us for some time, so we ask for your continued understanding in following our updates and respecting our evolving policy, but not to inundate us with emails unless you have a specific concern regarding your child, which we will of course respond to. This weekend and yesterday have been very busy for us in dealing with these!

Normal communication regarding everyday school matters should continue. We would also suggest that speculative emails and WhatsApp type of communications are best avoided in these circumstances!

Our prime concern is the health and wellbeing of our pupils, your children, and our staff, and the continued delivery of your children's education to the high standards we expect of ourselves. Where necessary we will do our best to email continued lessons and homework.

**Please be assured that we are making every effort to take responsible decisions to protect your children and to minimise the risk to their health by monitoring the situation closely and by being proactive in our policy application.**

We know that we can count on your support in helping us to implement the measures needed to be effective, and which all members of our school family need to apply consistently and firmly in their own lives at home (see advice in our email of 28<sup>th</sup> February).

Kind regards

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