



12th March 2020

Dear parents,

Following the protocol you received yesterday, we wish to remind you of important information:

Our school remains open until further notice:

Unless instructed by relevant authorities to shut our school, we are doing our best to continue to welcome and teach our pupils in the best possible conditions.

Hygiene and self-isolation:

We wish to repeat here the measures taken by the school to limit contamination risk.

Hygiene – please see below the practices carried out at school which we encourage you to implement at home

- children and adults abide by instructions for regular hand-washing (with water and soap when possible, or with antibacterial gel)
- children drink out of their individual bottle and individual cups used in the canteen (**BATTERSEA ONLY**– outdoor water fountains are no longer accessible)
- birthday cakes brought by families stay in the classroom. Slices are only handed out by the teacher wearing gloves; children do not walk around the school to share their cake
- surfaces, door handles and bannisters are regularly disinfected
- we encourage windows to remain open as much as possible so as to prevent germs building up

Self-isolation – you will also find attached again the document which we ask all occasional visitors to sign, and with which all our school community is deemed to comply.

- pupils (and their families) having travelled, or been in contact with persons having travelled, to countries in zones 1 or 2, or been in contact with a confirmed case, abide by our 14-day self-isolation policy
- any child or staff member showing symptoms (fever or cough) will be isolated according to the attached policy

From 5 years old, school attendance is compulsory:

As long as the school remains open, if your child is in good health, has not returned from any area/country in category 1 or 2 and has not been in contact with persons returning from any area/country in category 1 or 2, or been in contact with a confirmed case, we thank you for letting him/her attend school regularly. According to health authorities, people aged 20 and under are not the most vulnerable: rarely infected, rarely falling ill.

However, we understand your precautionary approach in case your child has a fragile immune system, or someone in your environment is more vulnerable.

Continuity of teaching:

In case authorities request our school to close, we are currently creating a platform for remote teaching to ensure continuity of teaching.

Further information will be sent if the situation arises.

We thank you for continuing to read the information we share guided by our close communication with British and French authorities.

We are counting on our whole community to maintain trust and calmness in dealing with this exceptional situation.

Best regards

The Heads