

Dear Parents and Carers

### **Covid-19 information update as of 16.03.2020**

Many of you will be aware of the announcements made tonight by the Prime Minister and his advisers regarding new measures for dealing with Coronavirus.

The main measure that will have an impact on you with regard to school is:

- Anyone with a high temperature or a persistent cough who lives alone is continuing to be told to self-isolate for seven days.
- However, in new advice has been issued by Mr Johnson on Monday, 16 March: **entire families - or households of more than one person - are being told to stay isolated together for 14 days if one of them displays either of these symptoms.**
- 'That means that if possible you should NOT go out, even to buy food or essentials, other than for exercise and in that case at a safe distance from others,' Mr Johnson said.

**This means those of you whose child/children who were absent from school today as they either had a new continuous cough or high temperature - their brothers and/or sisters, yourselves and anyone else living in your household MUST now self- isolate for 14 days.**

And, in advice for everyone - even if they are not displaying symptoms - the prime minister added: "Now is the time for everyone to stop non-essential contact and to stop all non-essential travel." People have been advised to avoid pubs, theatres, clubs and social venues.

Please contact your headteacher if you have any questions or concerns that you would like to discuss.

Kind regards,

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