



Dear Parent/Carer

Update Coronavirus

Over the weekend, senior colleagues and I have had time to put together further plans in order to respond purposefully to what will be a challenging time for us all. The school will be guided by three core principles:

- The safety and wellbeing of all members of our community
- Following government advice and trying to stay open if it is in the national interest
- Care, kindness and achievement.

Obviously, I am unable to provide any certainties at present, but it is important that we respond to all eventualities in a calm and proportionate manner. I can confirm that our staff are doing everything possible to create a secure, positive and purposeful approach to cleanliness, hygiene and vigilance to supporting protective measures that all pupils and staff are following.

Trips and visits

In an effort to limit and control the potential spread in school, we have taken the difficult decision to stop trips and visits including work experience across the academy for all pupils. The only off site activities authorised will be local walks that do not require entering another building other than school or travel on any form of transport. Please note that these measures are separate to those managed by Local Authority Schools Transport.

Parent communications and events

We also give you notice of postponed parental events this term; namely the EYFS' Stay and Play and Lower School's Stay and Learn sessions this week. The usual end of term parent celebrations will also be postponed this term.

We will endeavour to enable pupil reviews (Annual/interim/PEP) and parent meetings to continue as scheduled, however we ask where possible, that these be conducted on the phone/conference call. If this is unsuitable, then meetings can be held at school provided that all visitors complete the declaration form to confirm low risk. The form is available on the school website and we kindly ask this to be completed prior to arrival to support smooth and timely operations to continue.

Self-isolation and absence procedures

In the event of self-isolation, please follow NHS advice: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-advice/>. If you or another member of your household self-isolate for 7 days following symptoms, we also ask that you keep your child/ young person at home as a protective measure to our vulnerable community in the absence of any government advice for the care of children and young people with significant/underlying health conditions.

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Everyone valued. Everyone included. Everyone learning.

I thank parents for your support to enable us to collectively manage risks to pupil health and wellbeing as we are uncertain of the severity of any on-going disruption within our community. Please keep us informed using the usual absence procedures.

Vulnerabilities

This is a challenging time for us all as there are so many uncertainties, with the situation and guidance changing almost daily. We all respond and react in different ways however we would like to reach out to anyone who requires any additional support. Please call or email us and we will do the best we can to help.

Please stay safe and keep in touch. We will send you updates on email, text and post out copies of our letters on our website in the parent area.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Sabrina Hobbs', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Sabrina Hobbs

Principal