



13<sup>th</sup> March 2020

RE: Coronavirus update

Dear parents/carers,

Severndale Specialist Academy is continuing to follow the guidance from the government in relation to the Coronavirus. The latest advice is “to stay at home for 7 days if you have either:

- a high temperature (37.8 degrees or above)
- a new continuous cough

This will help to protect others in your community while you are infectious”.

We are continuing to risk assess on a daily basis and we want to reassure you that the health, safety and wellbeing of students and staff is our highest priority. In addition to student welfare, we would like to make you aware that this unprecedented situation may affect staffing levels.

The academy remains open at this time as we will endeavour to follow Government guidance. However, as the situation continues, it may be necessary for us to merge classes depending on staff/student numbers, this will allow students to continue to access school. Therefore timetabled sessions and after school activities may also be affected at short or no notice.

Parents/carers who wish to keep their child/young person at home due to reasons of vulnerability regarding health or wellbeing, are able to do this as an authorised absence. We recognise that changes to routine and class groups present challenges for some of our students.

We will continue to work with our colleagues at Shropshire Council, the NHS and the Government to monitor the situation and update you as and when there is new information.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Sabrina Hobbs  
Principal