



To All Parents/Carers

HEADTEACHER:

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Dear Parent/Carer

Update: Coronavirus - COVID-19 - Information for Students, Parents and Carers

As the coronavirus continues to spread, I would like to reassure parents that we have a full and comprehensive contingency plan in place to protect our students' health and minimise disruption to their education. Our planning is based on the latest advice from the Department of Education and Public Health England, which you can view via the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19>

Within this guidance it states, "Personal hygiene is the most important way we can tackle COVID-19, especially washing hands more: and the catch it, bin it, kill it strategy for those with coughs and sneezes. Wash your hands more often for 20 seconds with soap and hot water. In addition to handwashing before eating and after sneezing, both children and staff should also wash hands after using toilets and after travelling on public transport."

We will be reinforcing this message through assemblies and tutor times and we would really appreciate parental support in repeating these messages at home.

The government guidance also explains how staff and students who have recently returned from high risk areas and are showing symptoms should self-isolate: parents can help us by keeping us updated if they travel to higher risk areas and ensuring that if they do, the advice about when to self isolate is followed. This advice is updated regularly by the government and the most up to date list of high risk areas can be viewed via the link given above.



I would also like to reassure parents that the school will remain open unless we are required to close by Public Health England. Should this happen, we will do all we can to protect the continuity of education for our students including the use of online learning systems and resources. If you are unable to arrange reliable online access for your children, please let us know so that we can ensure we plan alternative arrangements for you.

I know this is a worrying time for parents. Please be assured that we will follow Public Health England and Department for Education guidance to the letter. The school is being fully supported by the expertise of our Governors and SMART Trust and our planning has the health and well-being and education of our students at its core. As always, if you have any questions or would like advice, please do not hesitate to contact a member of staff.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'K Littleddyke'.

Ms Kate Littleddyke
Headteacher