

17th March 2020
21:00hrs

Dear Families,

Re: COVID-19 (Coronavirus) update, 17th March 2020, 21:00hrs

I would firstly like to say a huge thank you to the vast majority of families who have shown their support to our staff over the last two days during this difficult period. Our staff have been working tirelessly to ensure the smooth running of the school and it is with great sadness that I have to inform you that we had three parents who caused distress and upset to some of our staff members today when they were just doing their job to send students, who were showing symptoms, home.

As a school, we have a duty of care to protect our staff from any alarm, distress or harassment and I would urge families to not cause unnecessary stress to our team. If we have called you to collect your child, it is because their symptoms have concerned staff and students. **The school will not change its position on this.**

Any students who we have asked to be collected over the last couple of days or have been absent because families have reported symptoms, will be expected to self-isolate at home for 14 days. **Please do not send your child in as it poses a risk to other students and our staff.**

If any student who has had symptoms comes to school within the 14 day isolation period, we will be sending them straight to the isolation room and contacting families to collect them. We would appreciate if families did not send them in as this causes unnecessary work for our teams and puts them and other students at risk.

From tomorrow, Wednesday 17th March 2020, the reception area will be closed to visitors. If your child displays symptoms and we call you to collect them, **please phone the school when you arrive and someone on the reception team will collect your child from the isolation room and bring them to you.**

We would be grateful if all **families could discuss with their children what 'social distancing'** means and how students can be responsible for their own actions, such as avoiding contact with others who may be showing symptoms and avoiding being in large gatherings during break and lunch.

The school have managed to secure seven anti-bac hand gel wall dispensers which have been placed around the school site. All students and staff can access these should they wish to use them. Other cleaning measures as detailed in my previous correspondence will continue.

Please also see included a letter from Shropshire Community Health regarding their arrangements for young people.

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At the time of writing, **we anticipate school to remain fully open tomorrow**. If there are any developments overnight, we will inform families as soon as possible in the morning. Please check our Twitter, Instagram and Website for information. We will endeavour to get this information out by 7:30am but please do check after this time as well.

Thank you once again for your support.

Yours sincerely,



Krissi Carter
Principal



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