

Dear families,

I am writing to reassure families that we have been following all Government advice in relation to the coronavirus pandemic and will continue to do so.

It continues to be the case that we have no reported cases of coronavirus within our staff and student community which is why we have not needed to close like other schools to perform a deep clean. We continue to monitor the situation both within our school and the wider Birmingham region. As of Sunday the 15th of March, there had been 8 positive cases of coronavirus in Birmingham.

Following the change in Government advice and guidance on 12th March, I am now asking that any student that has symptoms of coronavirus infection (COVID-19), however mild, should stay at home and should not leave their house for 7 days from when their symptoms started. These symptoms are:

- a high temperature – you feel hot to touch on your chest or back
- a new, continuous cough – this means you've started coughing repeatedly

For those students who are not suffering any symptoms they should continue to wash their hands frequently during the day and avoid touching their eyes, nose and mouth if their hands are not clean.

It is expected that students who are not unwell should continue to attend school as usual.

Further to Government guidance we have unfortunately had to cancel our forthcoming trip to France.

Although it is not formal Government policy yet we have been making plans to ensure that we are prepared in the event of a forced school closure owing to a national directive as a result of a move towards 'social distancing'. If this occurs we will ensure that all students have a range of both physical work and online work on Firefly, Hegarty maths, Century Tech, and our latest tool Seneca Learning.

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Additional information from the NHS on coronavirus can be found here:

<http://bit.ly/3aYVgDA>

I would like to thank you for your continued support and I will ensure to update you promptly if anything changes in the coming days and weeks.

Yours sincerely



Mr Qamar Riaz
Headteacher