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Coronavirus/Covid-19 update

Dear Parents and guardians

You will have followed the developments on Coronavirus/Covid-19 very closely.

We want to reassure you that we observe the situation very carefully and follow guidance given by the government and its health organisations.

Despite all efforts the likelihood is, it will affect many organisations and communities at some point.

School Management, HR and the Health and Safety Team are in close contact and we advise of and follow government guidance.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-of-health-and-social-care>

We keep a list of staff and pupils who travelled from category 2 countries and/or show symptoms and are being tested.

So far 4 students were tested and have been cleared. 2 are waiting to be tested and are self-isolating at home. Symptoms occurred offsite, however as a precautionary measure, class rooms concerned were deep cleaned the same day as the school was informed of the requirement for testing. Our cleaning company is fully briefed, equipped and prepared to help preventing a possible spread of the virus.

The school has decided to suspend all off-site swimming lessons in order to reduce risks and exposure, which are not under our control, for activities we run. We will also review and risk-assess all class trips and excursions in the near future in light of the latest developments.

We are working on a pedagogical contingency plan to provide self-study, in the unlikely case the school will be closed temporarily at some point in the future. The plan involves allocating pedagogical staff and pupils per year groups into virtual learning groups. Adequate off-school material will be distributed and communicated via Parent representatives.

It is essential that we all stay calm and act responsibly. No one should single out a member of the community if there is a suspicion about a positive case. Our staff have been briefed to take thoughtful and sensible action.

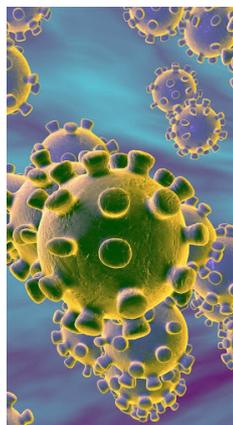
In the event that a member of staff, student or parent is confirmed to either have Covid-19, or have been in close contact with a confirmed case of Covid-19, Public Health England's Health Protection Teams will contact the school, visit the site, carry out a risk assessment and advise the school management on what action should be taken to protect the school community.

The safety and well-being of our pupils and our staff will remain our highest priority.

Thank you for your support.

With kind regards

DSL School Management



DID YOU KNOW how to avoid catching or spreading germs?

There are things you can do to help stop viruses like CORONA VIRUS spreading.

DO :

- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- put used tissues in the bin immediately
- **wash your hands** with soap and water often – use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- try to avoid close contact with people who are unwell

DON'T :

- **do not** touch your eyes, nose or mouth if your hands are not clean



CATCH IT.



BIN IT.



KILL IT.

