

16th March 2020

Update on Coronavirus

Dear Parents and Guardians, Dear Teachers and Members of Staff,

As everyone else, the School has been closely following the news on the developments relating to COVID-19. Management together with the board and other stakeholders is in the process of developing an appropriate response to this unprecedented situation.

The advice by the UK Government is that schools are to remain open as normal, unless there are specific local issues, in which case the affected school should engage with Public Health England to get appropriate advice. The German government or its agencies have not issued any guidelines to the contrary, despite many schools in Germany and other European countries having closed. Please note that at the DSL we currently do not have a specific reason to seek guidance from Public Health England.

However, we think it is also possible that schools in the UK will be closed quite soon, and we are continually monitoring whether our School should do so for our specific reasons. Therefore, a concept for delivering education remotely has been developed and is on standby. It is designed to tide the school over to the up-coming Easter holidays, but it will require parental supervision that we are conscious not all families can easily provide.

We understand the anxiety that this situation is causing to parents and pupils, as well as teachers and staff. The board will convene this afternoon together with school management to discuss the situation and update you accordingly.

With kind regards,

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