

COVID-19 (Coronavirus) – Update Monday 16th March 2020

In the current fast moving situation, I wanted to update you on the latest school approach regarding Coronavirus (Covid-19), and the measures that we are now taking in order to help the school to be able to continue to operate safely.

In order to reduce the risk, particularly to vulnerable members of our community, we have had to take the difficult decision to cancel all of our sporting fixtures for the remainder of this term, to cancel trips out to the Theatre, and to close the site to visitors, except in exceptional circumstances. The coffee shop will only serve current pupils and employees during this time, and the gym remains closed for non-school use. We are also asking that parents contact us where possible via phone or email, rather than coming into the school.

Please continue to be aware of the need to remain at home for a 14 day period of self-isolation if anyone in the household is displaying any of the following symptoms:

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

If your child is absent from school, please contact the school [either for FPS via Erika in the office on prepadmin@felsted.org or for the Senior School to the relevant HM].

Following today's Government advice with regards to social distancing, I must ask all families from now on to avoid all unnecessary travel and social gatherings. If we become aware of pupils having attended parties or social gatherings, we will have no choice but to ask them to undergo a period of self isolation, for the wellbeing of the whole community.

In addition, we are stopping whole school Assemblies and Chapel Services for the remainder of this term, and all of site activities are also being put on hold from the end of today.

We have decided that the Year 7 and 8 musical 'Singin' in the Rain', and the Year 9 and 10 play 'Chaos' can only be performed for student audiences. We hope that we might be able to reschedule performances for parents next term.

I hope that you will understand why we are taking these measures, and will be able to support them in these difficult times. We will continue to update you in the coming days.

More detailed information as regards the school's plans for the remainder of this term has been published on the school website parent zone: felsted.org/parents.

Yours sincerely

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