

Dear Parents / Carers

Coronavirus update – 16.3.20

With the continued advice regarding Coronavirus, I wanted to write to prepare you for any changes the school may have to consider in the coming days and weeks. Please be reassured that we have already implemented increased cleaning measures across the school and continue to promote and encourage all children, staff and visitors to regularly wash their hands throughout the day.

Please can I ask that you continue to familiarise yourself with the daily updates and advice on the Gov.uk website:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/coronavirus-covid-19-uk-government-response>

If you have any concerns:

If you are concerned regarding your own health or that of your child, please contact 111 and follow their advice. Current advice is that children, parents, staff or volunteers should self-isolate for 7 days (stay at home and avoid all but essential contact with others from the point of displaying mild symptoms) if they demonstrate either of the following symptoms:

- **A high temperature** (37.8 degrees and above)
- **A new, continuous cough**

What action are we taking?

In order to mitigate risk, as of today, I am requesting that all visiting adults:

- stay out of the school building as much as practically possible.
- use the school office email or phone number to communicate with us, rather than coming into school unless you absolutely need to.

Should you not get a quick response to any queries, please understand that it will be because we are busy supporting our children. Additionally, we will also be seeking ways to avoid the school community coming together in large numbers and at peak times.

These are hopefully short-term measures that will enable us all to stay fit for work and school for as long as possible. For the time being, school clubs will continue as normal as these are not perceived to give any additional risk.

Postponing of trips

We have made the difficult decision to postpone out of school activities this week which will lead to children having significantly more exposure to larger groups. Year 1 Warwick Castle, Year 4 Cadbury World, Year 3 London trip and Year 6 Harry Potter Studios have all been postponed. We intend to rearrange these visits when everything has returned to normal.

Ongoing vigilance and contingency plans

We continue to monitor the health and well-being of all within our school community and will send children/staff home should they demonstrate these symptoms during the school day. We recognise that this may impact upon our staffing levels over time and that this in turn, may affect the day-to-day running of the school. If or when we find ourselves in this situation, the following actions may be taken:

- Re-deploying staff throughout the school
- Condensing classes together with shared staff
- As a last resort, closing certain classes/year groups

Our aim will be to ensure that the school can remain open as long as possible.

Sending work home

We are in the process of creating work that can be accessed from the school website and Class Dojo. We would prefer to use this system for all children as it will help us to stay in touch and regularly update our provision. Please keep a close eye on Class Dojo and **make sure you can access this now**. If you have any problems logging on, please let us know straight away by emailing: admin@kingsway.gloucs.sch.uk including: Class Dojo, your child's name and the class teacher's name in the subject header.

If you do not have access to the internet, please let the school office know by letter and we will provide work packs for you to complete at home.

Make sure we have your contact details

In order to that we can continue to keep you informed of updates and plans, please ensure we have your correct email address and that you are checking your emails regularly. Any amendments to your contact details should be sent to: admin@kingsway.gloucs.sch.uk

Thank you – let's look out for each other

Thank you to everyone for your continued support both of the school and each other during this time, it is hugely appreciated. Whatever challenges we may face in the next week or so, I feel confident that we will meet these together.

Kind regards



Executive Head



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