

Wednesday, 18 March 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

I am writing to tell you that we have been informed of a child in Key Stage 2 who has a suspected case of Coronavirus. The child has been away from school for a few days and symptoms similar to those associated with the virus have developed. We have not been informed directly by Public Health England that this is a confirmed case. However, we are following advice from both the GP and a clinician spoken with on NHS111 that we should inform all people who may have been in contact with the child during the past week and a half. As we cannot be entirely certain who may have been in direct contact, we are following advice to write to all parents.

### What are we doing?

- We continue to have robust cleaning measures, which ensure areas of the school are cleaned thoroughly and repeatedly throughout the day
- We have an early morning meeting at 8.20 with all staff to ensure we are looking after each other and your children and discussing how to meet the school's needs each day
- Any children showing symptoms are sent home and asked to make contact with their GP or NHS111
- All staff and children with underlying health issues that may make them more vulnerable and those linked directly to vulnerable adults have been asked to work from home and to self-isolate
- We are creating work packs and systems to support children working at home
- We are updating our website frequently with information about how to stay safe

### What should you do?

School has not been instructed to close. You are encouraged to continue to follow the advice given particularly regarding hand-washing and isolation if you feel you may be experiencing a persistent cough or temperature over 37.8. The latest advice is:

#### Stay at home if you have either:

- a high temperature – you feel hot to touch on your chest or back
- a new, continuous cough – this means you've started coughing repeatedly
- Do not go to a GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital.
- You do not need to contact 111 to tell them you're staying at home.
- Testing for coronavirus is not needed if you're staying at home.

#### Further advice can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/coronavirus-covid-19-uk-government-response>

We are working hard to keep everyone safe and to maintain the best continuity for our children, staff and families. We have a number of contingency models and will only close if instructed to do so or if we feel the site's safety is at risk.

We are aware that this is a challenging time. We are here to support you and your families in the best possible way and together we can meet this challenge well. Please be kind and supportive to each other, help where it is safe to do so and keep in touch with us. Should you have any concerns, please email via [exehead@kingsway.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:exehead@kingsway.gloucs.sch.uk) and we will do all we can to help.

With best wishes



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