



Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Coronavirus update: Monday 16th March 2020

I am writing to provide a further update regarding coronavirus. It is understandable that there are many questions during these uncertain times. I would like to reassure parents/carers that all staff are working to follow, and respond to, government advice. The situation is changing daily, but the most recent information from the Department for Education (DfE) remains that no school should close in response to a suspected or confirmed case of coronavirus unless directed to do so by Public Health England. I can confirm that we have not and do not have any confirmed cases of Covid-19 within our pupil and staff groups at Ruislip Gardens.

We continue to receive regular updates and advice from the government, which should be followed by all members of our school community including relating to travel over the Easter Holidays. This can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/coronavirus-covid-19-uk-government-response>

Hygiene

Staff continue to promote the importance of good hygiene with pupils, particularly handwashing for 20 seconds with soap and water. Thank you for supporting this at home and for providing your children with their own tissues and water bottles in school. Please keep the tissues and water bottles coming in. Extra cleaning of the premises is being undertaken daily with particular attention to door handles, desks and all frequently used surfaces.

Absences

The government have advised if an adult or child has a high temperature or a persistent, new cough they should stay at home and self-isolate for 7 days. I would ask all parents to follow this advice and to inform us if you are self-isolating, the reason for this and the expected return dates for your child. If your child is well they should be in school. If the school experiences higher than typical staff absences, a partial closure may have to be considered.

Home learning

As part of the delay phase, the government may make the decision to enforce the closure of schools. As a school, we are making a contingency plan for what would happen if the school were to close. We are looking to use technology to enable pupils to access their learning at home through a tablet, laptop or desktop. Parents/carers are asked to let us know if you cannot access the internet or do not have a suitable device to work on. We are preparing a pack of work so that all pupils can, as far as possible, continue their learning at home. In the meantime, we continue to run our school as normal. These actions are part of our contingency plan and do not mean that school closure is imminent or more likely.



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Precautions

In addition to the above, as a school we are taking the following preventative measures:

- Staff have been reminded to be extra vigilant and follow government guidelines
- Whole school/key stage assemblies are no longer taking place
- Class assemblies (Y1 Elder 26th March) will be postponed
- Celebration assemblies on Monday 30th March will take place in class and children nominated will bring their certificate home

I will continue to monitor all guidance issued in relation to coronavirus and will update parents/carers as the situation changes. I am aware that these are uncertain times and I would like to thank parents/carers for their continued support.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'S O'Neill', written over a faint horizontal line.

Miss S O'Neill
Deputy Head

