



**Dear parents / carers**

**Updated Covid-19 (Coronavirus) guidance**

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The Prime Minister has given some updated guidance for us to follow regarding the Coronavirus pandemic.

- If you, or anyone in your household has a fever of 37.8 degrees or a persistent cough, please self-isolate the entire household for 14 days.
- Everyone, even if they are well, has been asked to avoid large groups and limit social contact.
- Those who are in high risk groups have been asked to pay particular notice to the guidance.

**School remains open at this time. However, if you, or a family member living in your household is in a high risk group and you are concerned, please speak to a member of staff as soon as possible so we can agree the next steps with you.**

High risk groups are:

- Aged 70 or older (regardless of medical conditions)
- Under 70 with an underlying health condition listed below (i.e. anyone instructed to get a flu jab as an adult each year on medical grounds):
  - Chronic (long term) respiratory diseases, **such as asthma**, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), emphysema or bronchitis
  - Chronic heart disease, such as heart failure
  - Chronic kidney disease
  - Chronic liver disease, such as hepatitis
  - Chronic neurological conditions, such as Parkinson's disease, motor neurone disease, multiple sclerosis (MS), a learning disability or cerebral palsy
  - Diabetes
  - Problems with your spleen – for example, sickle cell disease or if you have had your spleen removed



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- A weakened immune system such as the result of conditions such as HIV and AIDS, or medicines such as steroid tablets or chemotherapy
- Being seriously overweight (a BMI of 40 or above)
- Those who are pregnant

**Please note that people with asthma are included in this list.**

It is important that we try to take all measures to protect your child and all others in the school community. Therefore, please consider the guidance for both your family and other vulnerable families within our school.

If your child is at risk – and the leadership of the school feel your child is putting themselves or others at further risk, they may ask you to take your child and their brothers and sisters home to self-isolate.

Thank you for your ongoing support. We will work to keep you updated as soon as anything changes. We are constantly reviewing our procedures and everyone's safety is our number one priority.

Kind regards,

Antony Hughes  
CEO