

13th March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Updated information around Covid-19 (Coronavirus)

You will be aware that the Government is rapidly updating guidance around how to manage Covid-19 (Coronavirus). Yesterday, the Government announced that we are moving from the Contain phase of the coronavirus action plan and into the Delay phase, in response to the ongoing coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.

To support the delay of the spread of the virus, the Department for Health and Social Care has asked anyone who shows certain symptoms to stay at home for 7 days, regardless of whether they have travelled to affected areas. The symptoms are:

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

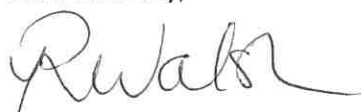
The school is following Department for Education and Public Health England guidance who state that the school will not close unless Public Health authorities require it to close. Should that be the case, we will inform you via the Parent App and the school website. At that time, we would also share information regarding access to teaching and learning materials and expectations of students to continue learning for the duration of closure.

Here at DWHS, we continue to operate normally and do not anticipate any problems unless circumstances significantly alter. I would like to reassure you that there are not any cases of Coronavirus in school at present.

Should we become aware of anyone in the school who has tested positive for the virus, I will seek advice from Public Health England immediately about the next steps that need to be taken. In this instance, I would of course, communicate with parents and carers immediately.

Please may I reiterate that any school closure, either partial or full, is not something we anticipate happening at present. However, as I am sure you understand, it is my duty to inform you of our plans should such an emergency arise.

Yours faithfully,



Ms R Walsh
Headteacher

