

Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers.

As you will already be aware, we are facing uncertain times in regards to Covid-19 (more commonly referred to as the Coronavirus). The wellbeing of students and staff is paramount, which is why we are taking this opportunity to inform parents and carers of our immediate plans.

#### COVID-19 Update

As you will already be aware, the Government have no imminent plans to close schools so we will continue to deliver the best possible care and education to your children.

The advice, should your child become unwell (persistent cough and/or fever), is to self-isolate for 14 days. Please contact the school as soon as possible so we can monitor the situation. If you are leaving a message, please state the reason for your decision to initiate self-isolation, or ask us to return your call. As you can appreciate, many children are unwell at this time of year due to a host of reasons not related to Coronavirus.

As an additional safeguarding action we request that parents/carers avoid visiting the school unless absolutely necessary, if you do visit the school please follow the hygiene recommendations by the government.

The government guidance on COVID-19 is currently as follows:

If you or your child is displaying the following symptoms;

1. a new continuous cough and/or
2. a high temperature (38°C or above)

The government is now advising that the whole family isolate.

If someone in the household is displaying symptoms of coronavirus, then all household members must stay at home and not leave the house for 14 days. The 14-day period starts from the day when the first person in the house became ill.

- It is likely that people living within a household will infect each other or be infected already. Staying at home for 14 days will greatly reduce the overall amount of infection the household could pass on to others in the community
- For anyone in the household who starts displaying symptoms, they need to stay at home for 7 days from when the symptoms appeared, regardless of what day they are on in the original 14-day isolation period.

Following the advice above we request if you or your child are displaying the symptoms above they must not attend school for 10 school days. Please contact the school about how we can support your child from home, to ensure they have sufficient work. If your child does not have symptoms and has not been in contact with someone with symptoms, they must attend school as normal.

We are committed to safeguarding all children in our care, which is paramount in all that we practice and deliver

### **What do you need to do now?**

We have been preparing for several days and plans are in place to allow our students and staff to work from home should the need arise, due to self-isolation or full closure. Curriculum Leaders have been preparing appropriate work and resources for the students to access at home. Staff are also continuing to update the school website and Facebook page with appropriate internet links to revision websites, which will support students with their studies. For those who do not have access to the internet at this time, a paper-based study pack have been created to support your child in their learning, which has now been delivered to your home.

If you have any problems, please email [Bishoptonpru@sbcschools.org.uk](mailto:Bishoptonpru@sbcschools.org.uk) or contact us via telephone number provided.

We will continue to keep you updated through our usual forms of communication e.g. website, phone calls, emails, Facebook and SchoolZine app. We have added a Coronavirus update section on the school website; therefore please follow the link on [www.bishoptoncentre.org.uk](http://www.bishoptoncentre.org.uk)

We will continue to talk to students and encourage good hygiene by washing hands regularly, please support us by continuing these discussions at home.

Please rest assure that whilst your children are in school, we are taking all precautionary measures to keep them safe. These are uncertain times, but we will continue to keep you abreast of any changes, which may impact you or your children.

Just a polite reminder that I am due on maternity leave in the very near future and in my absence Rachel Campbell will be Acting Headteacher.

Thank you for your support.

Kind regards



**Emily Carr**  
**Head teacher**