

Wednesday, March 18, 2020

## **Coronavirus / COVID-19 update**

You are most likely already aware of the statement by Education Secretary, Gavin Williamson, that **from Friday afternoon all schools in England will be closed until further notice. He also confirmed that exams and assessments would not be held this academic year.**

There is to be some provision for children of key workers and for the most vulnerable children, we will keep you informed as soon as we know more about this.

If families with children in self-isolation who usually have Free School Meals require assistance to purchase food, they can apply to the Liverpool Citizens Support Scheme. The scheme is to assist citizens, who may be vulnerable and on a low income, where they are unable to meet their short term subsistence needs. <https://liverpool.gov.uk/benefits/help-in-a-crisis/liverpool-citizens-support-scheme/> Families will need to use their social networks for someone to obtain the food for them. In the near future there will be more information about providing for meals.

We have been following the guidance provided earlier today to identify staff and pupils in vulnerable groups with underlying health issues and making sure that they were advised to go home. If you know that your child has an underlying health condition that might make them more vulnerable to infection and we have not been in touch then please be advised to keep them at home for the next few days. Please let us know if you do.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-social-distancing-and-for-vulnerable-people>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>

Staff have been extremely busy over the past week in compiling work packs for children in case there were to be school closures, these have gone home with the children who

were in today. There are packs ready for collection from the office for any children who were absent. Please arrange for someone to collect them for your child before the end of Friday. There will be further information about work and learning activities in the next few weeks.

As you know it has been exceptionally important to make sure that the school has been kept scrupulously clean in the past few weeks. You may not be aware that there have been significant staff absences in the cleaning team, we currently only have one cleaner and one caretaker which has made the job of cleaning this large school almost impossible. Thanks are due to all the teachers, support staff and Leadership Team for helping with the cleaning of the school both during and at the end of each day for the past week.

The forthcoming residential trips for Y3, Y4 and Y5 pupils to Kingswood/Colomendy have been postponed to the Autumn Term. It is not yet certain that the Y6 trip in July will take place, this will be considered nearer the time.

Keep an eye on the school website, Parent App and Twitter for information over the coming weeks.

Please ensure that your contact details at the school office are up to date.

Kind regards,  
*Patricia Heyes*