

16th March 2020

Dear Parents,

I wrote to you yesterday with an update on the situation regarding COVID-19. The situation is fast moving so I wanted to provide you an update today.

Today's announcements

Today, the Prime Minister outlined that in order to provide the NHS sufficient time to deal with the serious cases, the government is instituting a series of measures which they hope will slow the spread of the virus. The key points of today's briefing are:

1. Increased social distancing
 - a. Stop non-essential contact and non-essential travel
 - b. Avoid gatherings (pubs, clubs and restaurants) including mass gatherings
- c. Work from home if possible
2. For anyone with symptoms, 14 (rather than 7) days of isolation which should include all members of the household
3. The most vulnerable (over 70s, those with pre-existing conditions and pregnant women) need to be shielded from social contact for 12 weeks from the weekend

Today at KSA

As well as providing great learning today in school, the staff of KSA have spent a huge amount of time today speaking to parents about their children attending school. We appreciate that these are hugely challenging times and they cause upset and stress for our families. We hope that we have been able to reassure parents.

Most pupils have been in school today, but there have been a significant number of children who have not been in school today. Most of these parents contacted the school about why they were absent. I would ask you to please contact the school if your child is not going to be in school by filling in the form [HERE](#). If you do not, we are duty bound to phone you (and persist in phoning you if we can't connect with you) until we know your child is safe. This takes a lot of time and means it takes a long time before we are able to contact all families. **Please contact the school if your child cannot come to the school to allow us to keep all our pupils safe.**

Should I send my child to school in the days ahead?

The government advice remains that children should still come to school as usual unless your child, or someone in their household has developed a **new persistent cough** or **temperature** or has been in contact with a known case of COVID-19. In these cases, they should self isolate for 14 days.

Self isolation of a household means everyone in it should follow this approach:

- Do not leave the home i.e. Do not attend work/school
- Do not have visitors to the home

Can my child still learn if they are self-isolating?

If your child is self-isolating but is not suffering illness, they can continue their education by following the remote learning resources the school has provided at the end of last week. Details can be found [here](#).

We will update you again following any information, updates or announcements tomorrow evening.

Best wishes,

Max Haimendorf

Principal