

15th March 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

There is a lot of information about COVID-19 in the news and in our community over the last few days. It is a difficult time as we understand more the challenges that dealing with the virus will present to all of us. During this period, we want to keep you as updated as possible about the situation in school.

King Solomon Academy has no confirmed cases of COVID-19 that we have been informed of amongst pupils or parents. Following the government's updated guidance on Thursday, we have a small number of pupils and staff who are self-isolating from KSA due to concerns about their own symptoms. We cannot be sure whether any of these members of the community are infected but we ask all members of the community to follow the government advice to manage the risk of infection.

The Government has confirmed that schools will remain open and we are following this guidance. As COVID-19 seems to be relatively lower risk for children, and because of the wider impacts of school closures on everyone, especially those parents involved in the NHS, the government plan has been to delay closing schools until they feel it is necessary. As such, schools will remain open until we are advised to close by Public Health England.

The government has, however, issued new guidance about the need to isolate and stay at home if particular symptoms develop.

New guidance

The new health guidance (issued on Thursday 12th March) from the Government says that anyone with the following symptoms should **stay at home for seven days and isolate themselves** from other members of the family;

- A high temperature **and/or**
- A new continuous cough

They should not go to the doctor, pharmacy or hospital.

If your child has these symptoms, please **let us know** and **keep them at home from school for seven days**. If the infected person can be isolated from the school children in the home, then the children should continue to come to school. If someone else in your home has these symptoms, and they cannot be isolated from the rest of the family, please do not send your child to school for seven days.

If children are self-isolating or absent because someone they cannot be isolated from in their home has these symptoms, please inform the school that your child is absent using on the online form found [HERE](#). When reporting absence, please communicate with us clearly that your child is self-isolating rather than absent for any other reason.

Information on the stay at home advice from Government is here - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>

Further Information

You should use the NHS 111 online service if;

- you feel you cannot cope with your symptoms at home
- your condition gets worse
- your symptoms do not get better after 7 days

Further NHS information can be found here; <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

We will work as a team to support you and your children through this period.

Please do speak to staff at the school if you have any concerns. You can email parents@kingsolomonacademy.org or phone 0207 563 6900.

Best wishes,

Max Haimendorf

Principal

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