

17th March 2020

Tudor Grange Academy
Worcester



Dear Parent/carer,

Re: Coronavirus update

Firstly, thank you for your support and understanding in helping us in our endeavours to keep the school free of Coronavirus, our first priority is always for the welfare of our whole school community. I wanted to provide you with an update on the current situation and how the school is responding to this.

The situation:

We are aware that some students and families have either decided to or have been asked to self-isolate following the advice provided by Public Health England (PHE) because they are displaying mild flu-like symptoms. This self-isolation has been a precautionary measure and **we currently have no confirmed cases of Coronavirus connected with the school** that we are aware of.

What we have done:

As you'd expect, we will continue to regularly monitor this highly dynamic situation and to follow the advice from Public Health England and the NHS. We have heightened our own hygiene measures in school and briefed students on the guidance below to help prevent the spread of all germs and we would appreciate your support in reinforcing this at home also. We have also put plans in place so we are ready to respond should the situation change for the worse, including making schoolwork available in the event of full closure. We re-visit our risk assessments on a daily basis. It is our top priority to keep students, staff and our wider community safe.

I have also taken the decision to minimise risk to staff and pupils by restricting visitors to the school from **Wednesday 18th March**. In this case, our parents' evening (24th March) and SAS Showcase (26th March) will be cancelled. In addition, I have arrived at the difficult decision to cancel planned sporting fixtures with other schools effective from Wednesday 18th March. I know that some of you will be disappointed that we have cancelled these events but we need to do what we can to limit cross-contamination and to protect the welfare of our school community.

What you should do:

Follow the advice at:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

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

We are monitoring updates to the current advice, at the moment this is summarised as below:

Should anyone develop symptoms: a high temperature (hot to touch on your chest or back) or a new, continuous cough (you have started to cough repeatedly) then you should stay at home. You should not go to a GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital; you do not need to contact 111 to tell them you're staying at home and testing for coronavirus is not needed if you are staying at home.

In this case, please call the school to inform us but **do not attend school**.

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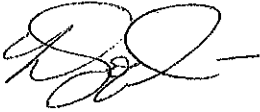


Only call 111 if you cannot get help online or if the following applies:

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

We would like to thank you for your ongoing support in helping us to safeguard the good health of our students and all the members of our school community.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'D Butler', written in a cursive style.

Mr D Butler