

17th March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Update: Coronavirus/Covid-19

On Friday, we sent out a letter from Jenn Plews, CEO of Northern Star Academies Trust, with information about Coronavirus as well as helplines and links to specific advice. If you did not receive this letter, you can find this as, well as other guidance, in a new section of the Parent & Carers section of our school website.

As a school, we are following all daily advice from DfE and Public Health England as closely as possible. We continue to reinforce the key messages:

- wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and to use alcohol sanitiser gel, regularly throughout the day;
- catch your cough or sneeze in a tissue (or sleeve/clothing in the absence of tissue), throw away the used tissue, bin it, and wash your hands;
- avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands;
- avoid close contact with people who are unwell.

In addition to the above, we are ensuring that soap dispensers are regularly checked and replaced and all frequently touched items such as door handles are cleaned as often as possible during the day.

In accordance with the most recent advice from the government, schools are expected to remain open. We do however need to ensure the safeguarding of our children & staff through additional restrictions to non-essential gatherings.

- Parent Consultation Meetings will be cancelled next week. This is not a decision taken lightly. If possible, we will re-arrange these in the summer term.
- Educational Visits will be cancelled. This also includes the visit by Purple Pig Farm (Nursery) – where possible we will look to re-arrange these in the coming months.
- Swimming Lessons (Year 5) has been cancelled until Easter when we will review the situation.
- Reception Class Assembly is cancelled and will be re-scheduled for after the Easter break.
- Drama, Music & Running After School Clubs will be cancelled until Easter.

The new advice from the government is that should any member of your family develop the symptoms of Coronavirus (persistent cough or high temperature) the whole family should self-isolate for 14 days. This has changed from the previous advice. Please remain vigilant with your own and your child's health. If you believe that you or a member of your family may have contracted the virus, please keep us informed via the school absence line.

Please be assured that we are taking every step to ensure the safety of students and staff in school. Clearly this is an uncertain time for all, and we will continue to update you as soon as possible, should the situation change. Please do not hesitate to contact the school, should you have any queries

We will continue to keep you up to date as further advice is received over the coming days.

Yours sincerely,

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