

Dear Parent/Carer

COVID-19 Update to parents/carers

From: Wellsway Multi Academy Trust

The update as of 6.30pm on Monday 16th March, following latest government communication

If your child has a persistent cough and/or a temperature of 37.8 degrees centigrade they must stay at home and you should follow the government's advice that the whole household should self-isolate for 14 days if anyone in the house has symptoms, no matter how mild. You are advised not go out other than for exercise and then to keep at a safe distance from other people. Your child's school will contact you with advice on how you can support his/her learning at home. Please do not contact us about this and we will endeavour to get this information out as soon as possible.

The government is not closing schools and we will do everything we can to keep our schools open providing it is safe to do so. If staff absence is such that we cannot provide adequate supervision then we will have to close the school. This will be done on a school-by-school basis and parents will be informed by the school using the normal closure notification procedure.

The advice is also that we should:

- Stop non-essential social contact with others
- Avoid having small or large gatherings
- Work from home if at all possible
- Avoid any unnecessary travel
- Only use NHS when we really need to - go online at www.NHS.uk rather than using NHS 111

Within the school day we will operate as normally as possible with continued vigilance around hygiene.

We will take the following measures in line with this latest government advice:

- Any activities and/or events outside of school hours will stop e.g. fixtures, clubs, parents' evenings, performances etc.
- There will be no trips and visits
- We are asking parents/carers not to come into the school building and to use email or telephone if you need to make contact
- Each school has been asked to stop any planned visits from external speakers, non-essential contractors etc.

Our schools play an important role in their community and we will do what we can to support. At this time, it so important that we look after each other and respect what our government is advising to keep us safe. Showing kindness and consideration to others has never been more important. We will continue to update you as the situation and advice changes.

With best wishes,

Andrea Arlidge

Chief Executive