



Tuesday 17th March, 2020.

Dear Parents and Carers,

The current advice to schools remains that we should continue to stay open and that students should continue to attend school. However, students should not attend school for 14 days if they have Coronavirus symptoms, however mild, or if anyone who they live with develop symptoms; these include a new and persistent cough or a high temperature. In this situation all members of the household should self-isolate at home for 14 days from the first day that symptoms presented.

Further guidance on this can be found at [www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection).

Those staff and pupils who are more vulnerable to infection from Coronavirus have been contacted on an individual basis to discuss the specific guidance relating to supporting their needs.

## How can you help?

If you suspect your son or daughter has any symptoms of Coronavirus, please do not send them into school. If pupils live with anyone who has any symptoms of Coronavirus, please do not send them into school.

Please let us know as soon as possible if your son or daughter is either ill or is self-isolating because of Coronavirus symptoms within the household.

The email address to report pupil absence is: [pupilabsence@penkethhigh.org](mailto:pupilabsence@penkethhigh.org)

We'd appreciate it if you could include the following information in any communication regarding absence of a pupil;

- Year Group and Tutor Group
- Reason for absence e.g.
  - Coronavirus symptoms
  - Self-isolating because of medical advice or because of illness of another family member
  - Other (please state)

## Continued working

There could be some situations where pupils are having to self-isolate but could be well enough to continue to access learning resources. There is, of course, no requirement for pupils who are unwell to complete work at home, they should focus on their recovery. Work that pupils can undertake will be set via the "Teams" app through pupil Office 365 accounts. Pupils can access resources via a mobile device, tablet or a computer with an internet connection.

If you have any queries regarding pupils being unable to access Teams or their Office 365 account you can email [remotelearning@penkethhigh.org](mailto:remotelearning@penkethhigh.org).



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## Future updates

We will issue further guidance on a regular basis through the school website. The Coronavirus page on the website will be the page in which we issue further updates and letters.

## Events and gatherings

We have already cancelled some non-essential events and postponed others until later in the school year. We have now moved to follow guidance issued to us and cancelled both sporting fixtures and EPS sessions after school in the short term, which is something we will review regularly. For now, the school site will be closing down to pupils from 3:30pm each day.

## Resources

There have been some erroneous reports that the school have no supplies for hand washing, this is false. Levels of these items are checked three times per day and are topped up twice a day in our toilet facilities. We have been informed by some parents and pupils that these resources have run out, when we have checked, this it has not been the case. It is not helpful when false stories are perpetuated and I can assure you we are checking these things routinely and that we have stock of these items in school.

Current advice and guidance is to remain open and the school will therefore be operating as normal during the school day. Where advice, guidance or the situation changes we'll inform parents promptly through the Coronavirus page on the school website. We thank you for your continued support and understanding during this unprecedented period.

Yours sincerely,

Mr J Carlin.

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