



12th March 2020

Dear Everyone,

I thought it would be helpful to give you the latest information regarding the corona virus and the impact it may have on our schools. **As of today there are no plans to close schools.** The government has announced the move from the “contain” phase of the virus to the “delay” phase i.e. to attempt to slow down the spread of the coronavirus COVID-19 infection. More draconian measures are likely if/when the number of people infected increases but at present its business as usual.

In school we are affected by the following changes so please take appropriate action if any of these apply to your children

1. Anyone with flu like symptoms, i.e. a fever above 37.8c should self- isolate for seven days
2. Anyone with a persistent cough should self- isolate for seven days
3. All school trips aboard are to be cancelled and families will be reimbursed
4. Updated guidance giving detailed information about self-isolation is available at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>

At the time of writing there are still no known cases of coronavirus amongst students or staff in our schools. We are continuing to monitor and adhere to the advice coming from the Department of Education and Public Health England. We will continue to have an increased emphasis on promoting good basic hygiene habits, systematic approaches to cleaning and vigilance about signs of infection. If a member of our community becomes infected we will be in touch with you immediately with instructions of next steps.

We all remain determined to “stay calm and carry on” as long as we can without jeopardising the well-being of the students and staff. We have also been making preliminary plans in the event of any future school closures.

Please rest assured that we will continue to take a sensible approach to the situation at school and do all we can to reassure the children and prevent them from becoming unduly anxious.

Thank you for your ongoing support to rise to this and other challenges. We will be in touch with further updates in due course.

God bless

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ani Magill', with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

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