

Dear parents / carers,

Tuesday 17th March 2020 9.30 am

Covid 19

I am writing to inform you that following the press conference yesterday what the schools current position is.

We are being told that schools should remain open. **NHLC remains open** and it would appear that we will be expected to remain open as the Governments current scientific advice is that the impact of closure would outweigh the benefits.

However

The increased requests by the Prime minister and his scientific advisors for greater social distancing have led us from today to institute further measures in schools to limit as far as practically possible the school being a hub for transition.

- Our hygiene routines will be supplemented with an additional rota of deep cleans of areas of the school (of the sort usually undertaken during the school holidays).

Social distancing

- We are postponing any non-urgent meetings between staff and parents this including annual review meetings. Annual review discussions will be conducted by phone.
- We are withdrawing staff meetings with staff from other agencies (other than very urgent meetings or those connected to child protection). Staff will not be attending any training events. (Other agencies in South Gloucestershire have contacted us with the same advice).

Self-isolation

Based on the advice yesterday if you or your child or any member of your household shows the symptoms described by the NHS then the advice is the whole family self isolates for 14 days not 7 as previously advised.

If you inform us that your child is at home self-isolating because they have the symptoms then they MUST not return to school for the full 14 days.

Home learning IF schools close.

As we have no information regarding notice likely to be given for any school closures or any indication of duration or even the nature of the closure it is difficult to plan a

comprehensive programme of home learning to meet each eventuality. However packs of activities will be posted to you in the event of school closure along with a bank of suggestions and ideas.

Reading through the above it presents a great change from the communication sent out to you yesterday.

I have worked to have a proportionate response to the situation.

Schools have been placed in a difficult position as stated above- we have not received any guidance at all.

I will now post a regular update to all parents / carers either to advise of any new developments or to confirm the existing arrangements.

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