



UP-DATE FRIDAY 13th MARCH 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

Re Coronavirus situation

You may well have already heard or seen that we have received updated guidance from the government:

- they have moved to a different level of response to the virus and its progress named DELAY;
- anyone with a new, persistent cough or high temperature should self-isolate for seven days (at this time government advice does not extend to family members but this may change in coming days);
- there is no need to close schools at the moment, but some school trips/sports events involving other schools may be cancelled e.g. MAWS Concert.
- anyone showing any possible symptoms should follow the advice of Public Health England / the NHS (via the online service / NHS 111) and inform us. The self-isolation in full is available here:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>.

As a school we will aim to operate as normally as we can. Where your children do need to be off school for the above reasons, please ensure that you inform the school of the circumstances (using the attendance line, as normal) so that we are aware.

We are working very hard, with other schools in the Trust, to prepare for any potential situation. Clearly this includes the strong possibility of partial or full school closure. In these circumstances we would be seeking to maintain continuity of education as much as is practicable. Clearly this will rely on the use of technology to support learning to a significant extent. At this time, we are also keeping domestic trips and residential visits under review and will inform parents as decisions are made based on developing governmental advice.

We will be in regular contact with parents; for the latest information please always refer to the website yattonschools.co.uk. As parents, can I thank you for your patience at this testing time. It is always in these sorts of circumstances that I am most proud of the way that our community pulls together to support each other.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Jo Keeble

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