

BRYANSTON

6 March 2020

Dear parents,

The Government has issued further guidance in relation to Coronavirus (Covid-19) this week and in the light of this the School is continuing to monitor the situation. We are assessing the current position and will be writing to parents early next week with a further update and guidance in relation to the Easter holidays and beyond. In the meantime the School is continuing to operate as close to normal as possible. A significant number of pupils are going home for part of this weekend and we ask you to reinforce the importance of hand and respiratory hygiene. There is a useful short BBC information film [here](#). If pupils are unwell when they return home for the weekend, please do adopt sensible precautions and keep them at home.

Two pupils are currently in the Medical Centre as they have exhibited one symptom common with the Coronavirus after returning from one of the broader regions affected and one further pupil is being assessed as a precaution. Based on the advice of the PHE they have been tested and will stay out of circulation until we have the results. Two other pupils have also been tested and the results have been negative. In each case this is a precautionary measure. As is usual at this time of year, a number of pupils have developed a high temperature which is consistent with seasonal 'flu. The normal procedure is to swab some of the individuals who have symptoms to establish whether it is indeed seasonal 'flu and we are currently undertaking this at present.

I would like to reassure parents that we are monitoring the position carefully and continuing to assess the level of risk for our pupils and staff on an ongoing basis, taking into account Government advice and the professional expertise of the senior team, as well as making contingency plans should the need arise.

The School is grateful to parents for their ongoing support and for trusting us to deal with these matters in as calm, rational and measured way as possible in what is a challenging, rapidly evolving environment nationally (and indeed internationally). It is our clear intention to remain open and to continue providing education and care for our pupils.

Yours sincerely

P J Hardy
Second Master