



13th March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

The advice on self isolation has changed today and the new advice is that, regardless of travel history, people should stay at home for seven days if they have either:

- a high temperature
- a new continuous cough

Further information is available on <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Schools are expected to support parents in implementing this guidance.

In some cases parents/ carers with children who have a pre-existing medical condition may be advised by medical professionals to self-isolate as a precautionary measure, in this instance schools are to create a tailored approach to provide support and work closely with both the Local Authority and medical professionals as per medical needs. Please contact the school if you feel your child falls into this category.

On no account is it the schools responsibility to direct people to self-isolate for pre-existing medical conditions. This remains the choice of the parent/carer, following advice from medical professionals.

The instruction from the DfE continues to be that schools should remain open unless otherwise instructed by them, or Public Health England. If we do receive any instruction we will ensure all parents/carers are informed immediately.

We ask that parents/carers refrain from contacting the school office to check if the school is remaining open, so that we are able to deal with specific cases. As you can appreciate this is a very busy time for the school.

Yours sincerely,

R Smith

Mrs R Smith
Headteacher