

Tuesday 17 March 2020

Dear Parent / Carer,

COVID-19 – changes to expectations upon families

Following the most recent government advice, we wanted our families to know the position in our school and how our future plans may look.

We can tell you that at the time of writing we still have no reported cases of any pupil or staff member diagnosed with COVID 19 in any of the Cabot Learning Federation academies. We are continuing to follow the advice of Public Health England and will not close unless told to do so.

Today the government asked that we all make changes to our lifestyles. These are as follows:

1. Everyone to stop non-essential contact with others and to stop all unnecessary travel
2. Anyone who has, or lives with someone who has a cough or a temperature should stay at home for 14 days
3. The Government clarified and extended its definition of vulnerable groups to include:
 - Citizens over 70-years-old
 - Citizens with relevant underlying health conditions
 - Pregnant women

Anyone in any of these groups should stay at home for 12 weeks of self-isolation

4. People should start working from home where they possibly can
5. Avoid pubs, clubs, theatres and other such social venues
6. Only use the NHS when we really need to, via online services if possible
7. From tomorrow government will no longer be "supporting" mass gatherings using emergency workers

This means that if your child has a cough or a temperature, your whole family should stay at home for 14 days from when it started. Even if your child is well, but a family member has a cough or a temperature, they should not attend school for 14 days.

You will not receive a fine for not coming to school for this reason, however we do ask that you inform us straight away if you need to isolate. If your child has a relevant underlying health condition, they should begin self-isolation for the next 12 weeks.

Please turnover

We understand that you, or your child, may be feeling worried about their learning if they cannot come to school. The school will provide a home learning pack to any children who self-isolate.

Plans are in place to support pupils and staff if we need to close for a short time for a deep clean as well as for any longer closures. If we have to close, we will tell parents via letter or text. We will tell you when we will be closing and when the children should come back to school.

Links to the website and the Department of Education helpline are overleaf.

Yours faithfully



V Counsell
Principal

The department for Education helpline to answer questions about COVID 19 related to education. Staff, parents and young people can contact the helpline as follows:

- Phone 0800 046 8687 - Email DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk
- Opening hours 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday)

The Academy website has a page dedicated to providing access to Public Health England advice, this is updated daily.

<https://www.clf.uk/coronavirus-advice/>