

Tuesday 17th March 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

Coronavirus Update – 17th March 2020

As you are aware, the guidance around those showing symptoms of Coronavirus is changing rapidly. We are doing our very best to keep our families updated and protect themselves and our team here at Grove House.

We have created a new section to our school website, where all the latest information released by the government can be found. This area will be updated each evening. If we need to get information out to you more urgently, this will be via text message.

The information released yesterday asks that:

- **If you, your child or anyone else who lives in your household** becomes unwell with a **persistent cough** or a **high temperature (above 37.8°C)**, then you must **all stay at home and self-isolate for 14 days**. To be clear, this applies to **everyone** living in the household.
- A period of self-isolation begins from when the first person in your household displays any of the symptoms above, and it should last for a full 14 days.
- Advice and guidance for families who need to self-isolate can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance> - it is very important that this is read and understood.
- Those aged over 70 should be avoiding any contact with schools.
- Everyone should be avoiding any unnecessary social contact, such as visiting the cinema, the theatre, bars or restaurants- this is so that the spread of the virus is slowed down as much as possible.

We would ask that if you or your child is showing symptoms of Coronavirus, do not come to school. At the moment, school will remain open for families who do not display any symptoms of Coronavirus.

Finally, please ensure that you let us know via the usual channels if your child will be absent from school. Thank you in advance for your co-operation and support during these challenging times.

Yours sincerely



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Head of School