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Coronavirus update and Academy response

As an academy, we are ever mindful of the implications of the Coronavirus and the potential impact on schools and families and are working within guidance provided by the Department of Education, which is updated daily. In response to the threat of Coronavirus, we are strengthening our approach to reduce the risk of any spread of infection.

In order to provide some additional protection to our most vulnerable children and adults in our school community, the following immediate actions are being taken:

- All parents are reminded that children must not come to school if they have symptoms of Covid-19 (a cough and/or a fever) and anyone with the symptoms must self-isolate according to the guidance.
- We are continuing to emphasise hand washing and the use of hand gel in school and appreciate the support from parents on this matter.
- All Parents' Evenings and school events, including sporting events are to be cancelled until further notice – assessment feedback will be provided in due course.
- All international visits are cancelled and local trips will be risk assessed on individual basis but non essential trips will be cancelled.

Currently, we have not been directed by the government to close, however we anticipate this may happen at some point in the future. We therefore have contingency plans in place should school be forced to close:

- We ask parents to ensure we have up to date contact details, including email addresses.
- Parents are asked to notify the school as soon as possible if their child/children does/do not have access to the internet via an iPad or laptop as schools will provide work for the duration of the closure. Work will be produced within 3 days of closure and staff where appropriate will advise on additional learning material that is available. More information will be provided as necessary.
- Primary school pupils are expected to work on these age appropriate resources for 3 hours a day (1 hour for children in the Early Years Foundation Stage) and 5 hours a day for Secondary School students.
- Pupils should study in an appropriate place where they can be appropriately supervised.
- School can still be contacted through enquiry@ email address.

Please be aware that it is likely that some staff working in schools will develop symptoms at some point and may need to self-isolate. This is putting increased pressure on schools' capacity to cover and may lead to some short term disruption to teaching continuity.

Further information about our response to this issue, including any plans for potential school closures, will follow in the light of the most up to date guidance from the DfE and Public Health England.

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We all know that people in our community, who are vulnerable, will be feeling anxious at the moment. Please continue to look out for them and pray for them in the coming weeks.

On behalf of St John Paul II Multi Academy, I thank you for your understanding, support and cooperation at this very difficult time.

Yours sincerely

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