

17th March 2020

Dear Parents and carers,

The Government launched a new helpline relating to education yesterday. Please see below:

Department for Education Coronavirus helpline

On Monday DfE launched a new 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 Local Authority has issued guidance on the provision of transport and I felt you may find it helpful to have sight of this.

They note that they do expect potential disruption to transport, should transport staff need to self isolate, and that they will liaise with you about this, not school. Should a particular transport route be cancelled then this absence would be authorised by school.

***** Important *** - COVID19 Update including new requirements for self-isolation**

Yesterday evening, the Prime Minister announced stricter measures for dealing with the Coronavirus crisis. These measures start immediately:

Anyone with a high temperature or a persistent cough, **or anyone in the same household with them**, is to stay at home for **14 days. This means that siblings will now need to be off school together.** This will also apply to siblings of pupils who have been off yesterday.

In addition, schools have been instructed to send home anyone with a cough and/or temperature, and to **suspect** that it is Coronavirus.

Sorry to be the bearer of such news.

Please keep us informed of your intentions and your family news by emailing: hnewton@springwater.n-yorks.sch.uk

A number of events and activities have now been cancelled in order to minimise social contact.

- We will not take pupils out of school.
- We will not hold assemblies or eat together in the bistro at this time.
- We will not have incoming visitors and therefore have cancelled Bakery at this time and the Whole Self Day planned for tomorrow.
- Thursday Activity Club for 6th Form Pupils is also cancelled.

We have only planned cancellations for this week until Friday 20th March, 2020. We will advise on Monday as to our plans for the forthcoming week.

Regards

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