



St Katherine's School



6 March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Coronavirus COVID 19 update

Further to my update at the beginning of the week we continue to monitor the situation and follow advice from Public Health England (PHE) to minimise the risks associated with the coronavirus. We remain at the containment stage at this point.

We continue to work closely with staff and students to reinforce important messages around hand washing and hygiene to minimise the risks of spreading the virus. These messages are displayed in appropriate areas and discussed during tutor time. We are under very clear advice from PHE that schools should remain open unless they give a direction to close.

We should all remain vigilant to the symptoms; persistent cough, difficulty in breathing; fever, and contact 111 should you have any concerns. Please report any absence through our normal channels and keep us updated on any relevant developments.

Upcoming school trips and visits

We are keeping trips and visits under review and may limit these if the assessed risk increases. The Big Bang trip next week has been cancelled. All school activities are continuing as planned and we will update you with any changes as and when required.

Should you have questions about a forthcoming trip, please contact mollerj@skdrive.org.

Department for Education Coronavirus helpline

The Department for Education has 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)

We recognise this is a dynamic situation which continues to evolve. We are monitoring developments closely each day and will keep everyone updated through our website, social media and direct communication.

Should you have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact us at school.

Yours sincerely

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