

13th March 2020

Dear Parents

Coronavirus update

I am very pleased to say that staff who were previously self-isolating as a result of the confirmed case have all now returned and are symptom free. The member of staff who was infected with coronavirus has received the all clear from Public Health England and is able to return to work.

As you will be probably be aware, the Government's updated advice (12th March) is to stay at home and self-isolate if you have:

- A high temperature
- A new continuous cough

If you or members of your family do need to stay at home please follow the NHS 111 stay at home advice: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-advice/>

What will this mean for school?

In order to continue to minimise the risk to our pupils and families, the staff at school will be following this advice. It is therefore quite possible that children will be taught by different teachers as some staff may be required to self-isolate in the coming weeks if they develop symptoms.

It is important to remember that having a cough or a high temperature does not mean someone has been infected with coronavirus but they will still be required to stay at home for 7 days.

We will continue to run breakfast club and after school club however we would ask parents to be aware that some services may need to change at short notice due to staff absences.

Should I keep my child off school?

Children should continue to come to school as normal unless they have symptoms in which case you should follow the NHS Stay at Home advice. Please note that the advice for staying at home is if someone develops a new continuous cough.

Is the school likely to close?

We continue to follow the advice given by the government and currently the government advice is for schools to stay open.

What happens if the school does have to close?

If the school does need to close during term time we will give parents as much notice as possible and we will endeavour to provide parents with work for the children to do at home.

Will the children still go on trips and sporting events?

Government advice is for schools not to run school trips abroad however school trips and sporting events in our locality will continue to run as normal.



If parents have any concerns or questions please contact the school at admin@st-marys-tetbury.gloucs.sch.uk and someone will get back to you.

Yours sincerely

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