

1st March 2020

Dear parents and carers,

I can confirm that a member of staff at the school has tested positive for COVID-19 and is currently getting all necessary support and advice from health services.

Whilst I fully understand this will cause anxiety amongst the school community, I can assure you all necessary steps are being taken to minimise risk to others. A deep clean of the school was carried out on Saturday 29th February. All people who have had contact with the person have already been identified, contacted and know if they need to exclude themselves from school.

From a health perspective it's not necessary to close the school, we do have some operational difficulties with staff numbers and so I have taken the decision to close the school, hopefully reopening on Wednesday.

The best thing we can all do is to make sure we follow the public health advice which is to:

- **Catch coughs and sneezes with a tissue, dispose of the tissue in a bin immediately and then wash your hands with soap and water or hand sanitizer**
- **Wash your hands with soap and water (or use hand sanitizer) frequently and especially on arrival and before leaving home or any childcare or educational setting, before cooking and eating, after using the toilet, and after breaks or sporting activities.**

I will update you when I have further information to give.

You can keep up to date with national advice and Information regarding coronavirus by visiting <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Yours sincerely

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