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Coronavirus Update – 18th March

Dear Parents & Carers,

As stated in my update yesterday the situation for schools is an ever changing matter, which is being reviewed on a daily basis. With relation to the guidance on social distancing measures and increased self-isolation guidance, I am writing to keep you up to date with the school's current position.

School currently remains open as per the national guidance with additional measures to support the strategies for reducing any possibilities of transmission of covid-19. Additional actions we are taking are listed again below for your information:

- Regular washing of hands throughout the day
- All assemblies have been cancelled
- Rescheduling or postponing trips involving public transport, as well as visitors into school
- Whole school events – class teas and assemblies as well as international evening and our end of term music assembly – have been cancelled

I would like to request some further support from you all to minimise the number of adults entering and leaving the school at pick up and drop off and potentially coming into contact with children, other families and staff. We would ask that rather than coming onto site parents leave their children at the gate. If possible you could try to share drop offs and pick ups with friends - so one parent drops/collect 3 or 4 children rather than 3 different families' adults all coming on site.

I would also like to reiterate that any families where a family member has any of the listed symptoms (continuous cough and or temperature) that the children and adults in that household should be self-isolating for 14 days and not coming to school during that time. Absence statistics will not be affected by this type of absence as it is following government advice at this difficult time.

With regards to staffing we currently have 5 members of staff self-isolating based on current guidance – either family members ill or from high risk groups. None of our staff who are self-isolating are exhibiting any symptoms themselves at this time. One of these members of staff is me. I have been in self-isolation since Monday evening. It is not a confirmed case of covid-19 – in fact I am feeling fine and able to work from home and have no symptoms. My isolation is due to two of my sons displaying symptoms; however it is vital that all members of our school community follow the advice provided – I am no exception. I have, of course, sought advice from Public Health England and Camden Learning and been advised that there is currently no further action required except to follow the guidance and self-isolate for 14 days.

Myself and the leadership team at Fleet are in constant contact to ensure that the school is open, operational and safe, as per the national guidance. This includes ensuring that our governing body are informed and updated with regards to the changing situation.

School remains open and this means that we welcome any pupil, who is currently fit and well with no family members displaying any symptoms, into school, continuing our work to support our community. When, and if, school closures happen we will be planning and providing a programme of 'home learning' activities via our school website. For the time being we have put up some activities for any families who are currently self-isolating so that the children have some work they can get on with. This web page is also the place to visit should you want the latest communications we have released with regards to the current situation.

Webpage for coronavirus updates, home learning activities and ideas:

<http://www.fleet.camden.sch.uk/Corona>

Thank you very much for your continued support.

Yours Sincerely,

Don McGibbon - Head Teacher