



HEAD TEACHER NEWSLETTER

16th March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

CORONAVIRUS

The UK Government is continuing to monitor the Coronavirus outbreak based on the advice of the Chief Medical Officer. On Friday 13th March 2020, the Government announced that the UK is now on the DELAY stage of their Response Plan.

AT THIS STAGE, UK GOVERNMENT ADVICE IS NOT TO CLOSE SCHOOLS.

The School's Coronavirus Risk Assessment and Risk Management plan has been updated to reflect this change and School is now implementing the identified **DELAY** strategies for Golden Hill.

· Staff and Parents should inform Golden Hill and self-isolate for 7 days if they have Coronavirus symptoms:-

- A new persistent cough
- A high temperature of 37.8 or higher.
- If symptoms improve and the individual feels well enough they may return to school after 7 days.
- **If symptoms become worse, or do not improve after 7 days, parents/ staff should contact NHS 111 for further guidance and NOT return to school.**

The Government's advice on self-isolation may, in the worst-case scenario, result in a partial or full closure of Golden Hill should staff absence become unmanageable. However, our Risk Management Plan is focused on reducing this likelihood and keeping school open.

Should a partial or full closure of school be required on-line and pupil-learning packs will be provided by school.

If your family is planning to travel overseas during the Easter break (4th April- 19th April 2020) I would advise you check the Foreign Office website for the latest Travel information regarding the country you are visiting and any travel restriction that country has put into place. I would ask that you also inform School. This does not apply to travel in the UK.

The best line of defence against Coronavirus remains regular hand washing with warm water and soap for at least 20 seconds and catching coughs and sneezes into a tissue which should then be put in a bin followed by washing your hands. If a tissue is not to hand, the advice is to cough or sneeze into the crook of your arm or if your arms are bare, into your top.

Please ensure your child washes their hands before getting onto the taxi in the morning and when they arrive back from school.

I appreciate your co-operation in supporting school.

If you do have any concerns or queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kindest Regards,

Mrs. Allison Collinge

Head Teacher

Golden Hill (Short stay) School