

18th March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are writing to provide you with a daily update with regards to ongoing coronavirus developments.

- We can confirm that there have been no confirmed cases of COVID-19 within our School community
- We continue to have a significant number of staff and pupils absent from School
 - 34% of our pupils are absent today
 - On Monday 16/03/2020, 24 members of staff were absent due to illness and / or self isolation
 - On Tuesday 17/03/2020, 38 members of staff were absent due to illness and / or self isolation
 - On Wednesday 18/03/2020, 62 members of staff are absent due to illness and / or self-isolation
- We are incredibly proud of the amazing dedication and commitment being shown by all of our staff, in helping to ensure that the core business of the School – learning – continues as far as is practically possible
- At the time of writing, no new information that is immediately relevant to the School has been issued by the Government
- Today, we have phoned all parents / carers of pupils in the Sensory learning approach that are currently attending School, further to yesterday's advice from the Government regarding particularly vulnerable groups
- **If you choose to keep your child / young adult at home to reduce the risk of them catching COVID-19 then we are happy to authorise the absence and have notified the Local Authority of this decision. If you decide / have already made the decision to self-isolate your child, please can you arrange for any medication / specialist equipment that has been left on site to be collected**

We continue to remain open as normal. We have a clear and cohesive contingency plan, should the decision to close the School be made; for example, home based learning activities have been prepared within each learning approach, carefully tailored by classes. Where appropriate to pupil need, we are compiling a range of additional online learning resources to support learning.

Please ensure that we have your up to date contact information, including email address, as this will be our primary form of communication moving forwards. To update your email on our system please send an email to office@five-acre.kent.sch.uk, clearly identifying your name, child and class.

Please continue to **report pupil absence via email** pupilabsence@five-acre.kent.sch.uk as soon as you can to enable plans to be put in place each day.

Thank you for ongoing support.

Kind regards



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