



DARRICK WOOD SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer

Following my email last week regarding absence from school I reiterate that should your child be absent, we need to be informed of the reasons for this in as much detail as possible.

There is guidance that people should self-isolate if they have a new, continuous cough or high temperature.

There is now new guidance as of tonight that if one person in any household starts to display the symptoms then anyone in the same household must stay at home for 14 days. I trust you will understand that whilst schools are being advised to stay open, in these circumstances unfortunately we are not likely to have the capacity to set individual work even if you feel your child could complete it during their absence. We would appreciate it if you did not therefore contact teaching staff to ask them to do so. However, we are mindful of our examination classes in particular and will do our best in these challenging circumstances to help them.

We are arranging to update our website with as many links as possible to online resources. Your child should already know the names of many of them. If during a period of enforced self-isolation your child is well enough to complete some work then they can use these resources. If they are too unwell they should of course rest. Should all schools at some point close we will start to set work for classes in the manner described in previous emails (via Bromcom). Tonight we ask that all students check they can login to Bromcom and other online resources. If not, they should make sure they check the details tomorrow.

Today, we also received advice from the Department for Education about what to do if a pupil in school has the symptoms mentioned above. If this occurs they should report to our Medical Room at the front of the School and we will contact you to take them home.

In light of the latest advice, our Spring Concert has had to be cancelled.

Currently the School remains open as per government advice. We will update you as soon as we know anything more.

Yours sincerely

Dr M J Airey
Head Teacher