

Dear Parents and Carers,

At the forefront of my mind are the healthcare workers who are preparing for what is inevitably going to be a very challenging time. For our part, we're doing our best to keep things on an even keel for our students. I'm glad we're still able to open as usual, but we are preparing for the possibility that we have to close. This planning is going well and we are almost ready to launch a good online offer to our students.

We will keep going unless we're told otherwise. The dance show is on tomorrow night as planned. It is best not to come if you are feeling unwell. There will be other events in the future. Sporting fixtures will also continue in the short term. If you do find yourself having to self isolate, the guidance is that you stay at home for 7 days and this is the approach which we will take if we need to send students home displaying any symptoms.

I include the latest advice to schools from the government below, so you know what I know.

All the best,

Kieran Scanlon
Principal

Updated guidance for education settings on coronavirus (COVID-19)

Today, the Department for Education and Public Health England have issued updated guidance for education settings on COVID-19. This guidance will assist staff in addressing COVID-19 in educational settings. This includes childcare, schools, further and higher educational institutions.

What you need to know:

- staff, young people and children should stay at home if they are unwell with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature to avoid spreading infection to others.
Otherwise they should attend education or work as normal
- if staff, young people or children become unwell on site with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature they should be sent home
- clean and disinfect regularly touched objects and surfaces more often than usual using your standard cleaning products
- supervise young children to ensure they wash their hands for 20 seconds more often than usual with soap and water or hand sanitiser and catch coughs and sneezes in tissues



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