



17th March 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

There have been some significant further announcements yesterday evening by the Prime Minister which will have an impact on our school community. The key new messages are as follows:

- If one person in any household has a persistent cough or fever, everyone living there must stay at home for 14 days. Those people should, if possible, avoid leaving the house "even to buy food or essentials" - but they may leave the house "for exercise and, in that case, at a safe distance from others"
- **Schools will not be closed for the moment**
- Others who would normally be advised to have the flu vaccine (such as those with chronic diseases) should isolate at home.

The list published of Underlying medical conditions that may increase the risk of serious COVID-19 for individuals of any age are as follows:

- Blood disorders (e.g., sickle cell disease or on blood thinners)
- Chronic kidney disease as defined by your doctor. Patient has been told to avoid or reduce the dose of medications because kidney disease, or is under treatment for kidney disease, including receiving dialysis
- Chronic liver disease as defined by your doctor. (e.g., cirrhosis, chronic hepatitis) Patient has been told to avoid or reduce the dose of medications because liver disease or is under treatment for liver disease.
- Compromised immune system (immunosuppression) (e.g., seeing a doctor for cancer and treatment such as chemotherapy or radiation, received an organ or bone marrow transplant, taking high doses of corticosteroids or other immunosuppressant medications, HIV or AIDS)
- Current or recent pregnancy in the last two weeks
- Endocrine disorders (e.g., diabetes mellitus) • Metabolic disorders (such as inherited metabolic disorders and mitochondrial disorders)
- Heart disease (such as congenital heart disease, congestive heart failure and coronary artery disease)

- Lung disease including asthma or chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (chronic bronchitis or emphysema) or other chronic conditions associated with impaired lung function or that require home oxygen
- Neurological and neurologic and neurodevelopment conditions [including disorders of the brain, spinal cord, peripheral nerve, and muscle such as cerebral palsy, epilepsy (seizure disorders), stroke, intellectual disability, moderate to severe developmental delay, muscular dystrophy, or spinal cord injury

Any student with an underlying medical issue, poor health record or condition that could put them at risk will need to be isolated at home for their own safety from Wednesday 18th March 2020.

We will be monitoring staff levels of absence continuously to assess whether we have enough adults to maintain the high levels of supervision required to maintain safety levels. **We currently have enough staff to maintain safety but as cases of isolation increase, we will need to make a decision at some point as to whether we can keep the school open.**

Please look at the school website homepage <http://www.mayfield.bham.sch.uk/> for regular updates in relation to our decisions regarding staying open or having to close.

Thank you all for your support so far with this very challenging situation.

Kind regards,



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