

16<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Following the announcements from central government, I write to contact you again with the latest information and how it impacts schools.

Firstly, you will be pleased to know that the school remains **open**. This will not change unless directed by the government/PHE. We continue to risk assess everything we do and will keep you updated on any changes as they happen.

The announcements by central government may start to have an impact on King Ethelbert School, so for clarification, the very latest changes announced and, as listed on the NHS Coronavirus (COVID-19) website, (<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>) are:

## Stay at home if you have coronavirus symptoms

Stay at home for 7 days if you have either:

- a high temperature – you feel hot to touch on your chest or back
- a new, continuous cough – this means you've started coughing repeatedly

Do not go to a GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital.

You do not need to contact 111 to tell them you're staying at home.

Testing for coronavirus is not needed if you're staying at home.

Read our [advice about staying at home](#).

**Urgent advice: Use the NHS 111 online coronavirus service if:**

- you feel you cannot cope with your symptoms at home
- your condition gets worse
- your symptoms do not get better after 7 days

 **Use the 111 coronavirus service**

**Only call 111 if you cannot get help online**

The above applies to both students and staff so if as a parent or carer you feel your child has the above symptoms, please keep them at home and follow the above advise. Please then contact the school in the normal way through via the My Ed App or attendance line.

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The government have also advised against any international school trips. We are currently working with our trip organisers and insurance company regarding this issue. As you will appreciate, they are inundated with calls at present so we ask for your continued patience. If your child is booked on the ski trip we will be in touch with further details in due course.

We will continue to reinforce to students the importance of good hygiene practices, especially regular handwashing, through our tutor system. Please reinforce these messages at home.

#### **What you can do**

- Reinforce hygiene message.
- Telephone if your child is unwell and not coming in to school.
- Ensure contact details are up to date, especially contact email address.

#### **What happens if the school has to close?**

We will only close if we are either officially advised to do so or we don't have enough staff to run the school. We are aware of the importance of staying open but will be guided by the Local Authority.

**In either case, we will let you know through email, the website, our App and social media.**

Students can access Show My Homework via our school intranet page or [www.satchelone.com](http://www.satchelone.com). Just click 'log in' to get to the sign in page and then click the 'Sign in with Google' button. This will take you straight to your area. You will be able to access any quizzes, resources, tasks, as well as ask teachers any questions you may have about your work.

Please keep an eye on our website at <http://www.kingethelbert.com/> for further information.

Yours faithfully

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