

Coronavirus Update

Dear parent

I am sure many of you have followed this afternoon's press conference with UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson.

The core advice most relevant to schools is;

- **Everyone in the UK is now being advised to avoid "non-essential" contact with others and "unnecessary" travel.**

Based on the changes implemented today, as outlined in yesterday's communication regarding essential school activities only, we feel we are well in line with this advice.

- **People are now being advised to stay at home for 14 days if they, or anyone in their household, has either a high temperature (37.8 degrees or above) or a "new and continuous cough"**

Our interpretation of this is that **any child** living in a household where **any member (adults or children)** of that household has either of these symptoms should not come to school for 14 days.

Any children who were absent today as a result of having symptoms should remain away from school for a further 13 days. Any other children living in the same household should also remain away from school.

As you will see from the new section of our website <http://follifootandspofforth.co.uk/coronavirus-updates/> and the scenario planning document emailed earlier today <http://follifootandspofforth.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Coronavirus-Scenario-Information-for-Parents.pdf> plans have been made for how we would support and continue learning in the event of whole school closures. As is evident the arrangements in these plans are based around schools being closed and staff therefore not teaching their classes.

We recognise following the advice as outlined in this afternoon's government briefing is likely to lead to a number of children being at home for 14 days. I will be reviewing our capacity to manage teaching and learning while school remains open while also seeking to support children who can not attend school as a result of following the most recent guidance and provide a further update in the coming days. In the interim period I direct you to the following sections of our website;

<http://follifootandspofforth.co.uk/homework/> and <http://follifootandspofforth.co.uk/learning-zone/>

I thank you in advance for your patience with this as we manage this unprecedented situation.

Yours sincerely

Mr Griffiths

