

Coronavirus update 17th March 2020

Dear Parents,

The picture regarding the outbreak is constantly changing and as a school we are having to react to these changes at very short notice. I really appreciate your patience and understanding at this time.

The latest guidance given to schools is:

- If anyone in your household has symptoms such as a sore throat, a fever of 38C or higher, or a continuous dry cough, your entire household must self-isolate for 14 days. Please do not come to the school.
- If your child suffers from a pre-existing condition such as asthma or diabetes, it is strongly recommended that they follow social distancing measures, which means that they should not come to school.
- All people are recommended to reduce social contact as much as possible by avoiding crowds, staying away from places such as pubs, clubs and theatres and following good hand hygiene rules.

The full guidance is available at: www.gov.uk/coronavirus

Schools remain open at the moment, but I want to reassure parents that we will show understanding if your child is kept at home because you are following guidance set out by the government.

The staff at school are also a priority for me, and as such, I have to take steps to reduce their social interactions as much as possible.

To this end, the following steps have been taken:

1. All clubs outside school time have been cancelled- this includes all after school clubs, the after-school care provision (After School Club) and breakfast club. If you have already paid in advance for these, you will be refunded.
2. Parents are asked to avoid entering the school building unless it is **absolutely necessary** to do so. Messages for all staff can be sent by e-mail to office@greenpark.kent.sch.uk. Please do not use Facebook to send messages, as this is not a secure way to communicate. You can also ring the school on 01304 822663, but please be aware that the phones will be very busy.
3. Please be considerate and aware when you are picking children up from school. The site is very big and, if we are all careful, there is no need for anyone to be in a crowded area. Keep at least 2 metres between you and other people.

The picture is changing daily and we will do our best to keep you informed. The school may need to make tough decisions in the coming days, which may involve partial closures of classes due to staff absences. We will always put the safety and well-being of our children and staff first.

If you are at home with your child for a prolonged period, as many of you will be, consider setting a timetable for the day, with a variety of activities including breaks. The internet has a host of ideas for home-learning and the school's website www.greenparkcps.co.uk can

show you what your children will be learning in school at the moment in the Our Learning section.

Should the school have to close, staff will be uploading ideas and activities to the website regularly. These will also be posted on our Facebook group pages.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Yours sincerely,
Richard Hawkins
Head Teacher