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6pm 17th March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Update - COVID-19

Following the government press conference this evening, there is no additional advice for schools and families.

Yesterday's advice was that anyone who lives with someone who has a cough or a temperature should stay home for 14 days. Please take additional advice if you have pre-existing health conditions or are pregnant.

Symptoms that mean you should self-isolate are:

- a high temperature (37.8 degrees Celsius and above)
- a new, continuous cough

Advice from Public Health Kingston is:

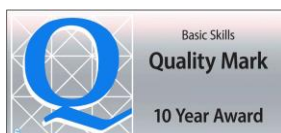
Do not go to a GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital. You do not need to contact 111 to tell them you're staying at home. People who are self-isolating with mild symptoms do not need to be tested for COVID-19.

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

Only call 111 if you cannot get help online.

Please regularly check the NHS website for further updates and advice: www.nhs.uk/coronavirus.



We have a number of staff self-isolating as a precaution on the advice above, however, at this stage we are still able to maintain the normal running of the school. We have no confirmed cases of Coronavirus.

Please note that morning interventions (i.e. those at 8.15am) will be cancelled until further notice. Please contact us if this causes a significant challenge for your family.

It would be helpful if you could send a message to the main school email address (admin@kingathelstan.rbksch.org) if you self-identify as a key worker and are the only carer in your household, or if both carers are key workers e.g. teachers, school staff, health workers, police, transport, emergency services or those who work in the food supply chain or any other essential service. Please identify your children, their classes and the nature of your work so that we can take this into consideration should we have to make changes in the way that we are operating in the coming days.

We will continue to update you regularly.

Yours faithfully,



Emily Newton
Headteacher