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Dear Parents/Carers,

Coronavirus/COVID-19 Update – 16th March

I am sure that you are all following the news closely and are aware of the new Coronavirus advice that came out on Friday.

Following updated government guidance, if any pupils or staff members develop the following symptoms, they must stay at home for seven days:-

- a high temperature
- a new continuous cough

Do not go (or take your child) to a GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital.
You do not need to contact 111 to tell them you're staying at home.

For most people, Coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild infection but if symptoms get worse or are no better after 7 days, contact NHS 111 online. <https://www.nhs.uk/using-the-nhs/nhs-services/urgent-and-emergency-care/nhs-111/>

If you have no internet access, call NHS 111. For a medical emergency dial 999.

Stay at home guidance can be found at
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>

Please let the school know as soon as possible if your child is unwell.

If anyone becomes ill during the school day they will need to go home and will be asked to remain at home for 7 days. **Please make sure that the school has up-to-date contact details for you and that you keep phones on so we can get in touch with you if necessary.**

We do not have any confirmed COVID-19 cases at school.

We have been informed by families that they are following the medical advice and are self-isolating at this time. We wish them all well.

Public Health England and Department for Education current advice for schools in London is that staff and pupils should monitor themselves for symptoms and self-isolate if they experience symptoms. People who do not have symptoms are advised to carry on as normal and do not need to self-isolate.

We understand that parents are concerned about the risk of their children catching Coronavirus and that some may want to keep children at home even though they are not required to do so by the medical advice. All pupils who are well enough to come to school

and who do not fall into the two categories described above, should attend school as normal until Government advice says otherwise.

We continue to follow the advice of the Department for Education and Public Health England in school. We are encouraging all children and staff to wash hands properly and regularly and we are taking extra care with cleaning. We will continue to follow advice and we will keep you informed of the situation and what we are doing about it.

The School has taken the decision to cancel class assemblies and parents' evening. We have also cancelled any school trips that involve travel on public transport, as we are unable to guarantee that children would have access to facilities to wash their hands. At the current time, we will continue to run after school activities, however, it may be that in the near future we will need to cancel these to reduce the risk to our staff and students, and so that staff capacity can be prioritised for the day to day running of lessons during school hours.

Please make sure you check the NHS and government websites daily:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/coronavirus-covid-19-uk-government-response>

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19>

We will be updating the class pages at <http://www.stgeorges.lewisham.sch.uk/childrens-zone/classes/> with learning activities should your child have to be isolated at home.

I realise that this is a very worrying time for all of us. Rest assured that the safety of pupils, staff and the school community remains our priority and we will keep you updated with any new information.

Yours sincerely



Mrs G Constable
Headteacher