



17 March 2020

Dear Parent/carer

I am writing to you with an update on Coronavirus (Covid 19). As it stands, the school will remain open following Government advice, and we will update you of any further developments. Yesterday, the Government announced advice to minimise social contact further, and as a school we must respond with appropriate measures to safeguard our staff and students.

Self and household isolation

If any member of your household/family has a high temperature and/or a new persistent cough, the entire household are now advised to self-isolate for fourteen days. Any child that presents at school with these symptoms, or who returns before the self-isolation period is over, will be sent home. It is essential that we all work together to follow Public Health advice at this challenging time. We appreciate your support in assisting us to protect the vulnerable members of our community.

For further guidance relating to household isolation please visit

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

Social distancing

Anyone with an increased risk of severe illness is to be particularly stringent in following social distancing measures. A list defining vulnerabilities is outlined in the guidance below.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-social-distancing-and-for-vulnerable-people>

We are asking for parents to communicate in the usual way, on the first day of any absence. It is important that we have clear understanding and awareness of all who are following the measures of isolation and social distancing.

We are extremely conscious of the huge implications that this will have on our community, and we will endeavour to continue to provide support to all within our AGS family. With this in mind, we have been preparing all students to understand the resources available to them if they are working from home, and further information will follow to enable parents to support this.

Additional measures in place

- We will no longer be holding full year group assemblies to minimise students being in larger groupings during the school day.
- We will be doing our best to reduce large groups in key social areas, such as the LRC and lunchtime clubs.
- All after school clubs are cancelled with immediate effect.
- All sporting fixtures and Sports Academy visits have been cancelled for the foreseeable future.



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- No external visitors to access the building
- Continuation of advice to all, regarding regular handwashing.
- Continuation of our comprehensive cleaning service, who work throughout the school day to ensure the highest levels of hygiene possible.

There are a number of key events which will be cancelled or postponed as outlined below:

Wednesday 18th, 25th March – Middlesbrough College visit **Cancelled**

Thursday 19th March – Options Evening **Cancelled**

Wednesday 25th March - English Billingham Forum visit **Cancelled**

Monday 30th March – Y10 Durham University visit **Cancelled**

Wednesday 1st April – CEIAG Conyers visit **Cancelled**

Saturday 4th April – Middlesbrough FC match rewards trip **Cancelled**

Thursday 23rd April – Y11 Final Countdown Evening **Cancelled**

Future international visits

9th July – London – **Awaiting confirmation**

13th July – Battlefields France Visit – **Awaiting confirmation**

In the current climate of uncertainty we continue to strive to deliver a high-quality education for our AGS family. Our decision making will continue to be guided by advice from Public Health and the Government and we will communicate any further decisions via text to parents, our website and social media platforms.

Yours sincerely,

Mr M Laidler

Headteacher