



*'Ensuring Excellence'*

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Dear Parents

### **Coronavirus Update**

Thank you for your ongoing support with our response to this position. The handwashing procedures will remain for the foreseeable future. As I said last week, the situation surrounding coronavirus was likely to change and it has. The government advice is that schools remain open for the time being but the isolation requirements have changed.

Any child who has a **new, persistent** cough and/or a high temperature should be in a period of isolation for 7 days. You don't need to speak to 111. This is a precautionary measure and we will insist you adhere to this. Also we are reinstating our **48 hour rule** regarding sickness and diarrhoea as there are a number of cases we are aware of and we do not wish to have an outbreak of this in addition to the current situation.

In light of the government advice around delaying the spread of infection, we have taken the decision to minimise the number of visitors into school. As a result of this decision, we are **postponing parents evening** until after Easter at the earliest. We apologise for any inconvenience, but I am sure you appreciate the steps we are trying to take. We will be reviewing the situation regarding trips and events as the situation evolves and will inform parents as soon as we can.

I have been working hard with the leadership team across both of our schools to put plans in place in case of closure and the expectations we will have.

- School will continue to provide learning activities for pupils through the eschools platform during the period of closure. This will be one English and one maths activity daily and additional thematic learning on a less regular basis
- Staff will be monitoring the interaction by children on the platform
- Phonecalls will be made to check in with you and your families during this time to see that you are all well and to signpost any help or support if it is needed
- The school telephone will be manned by senior leaders between 10am and 1pm daily and the answerphone will be checked daily if you need to contact school. This will be the case if the country is **not in lockdown** at this time. **01827 892422**
- **In lockdown**, the school telephone will not be manned, you can still contact staff through eschools messages or the school email address [admin2018@welearn365.com](mailto:admin2018@welearn365.com)
- If you have a safeguarding concern during school closure, you can contact the Warwickshire MASH directly on **01926 414144** or [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/mash](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/mash)
- School will update the social media platforms with any changes
- There may be a shorter version of the newsletter posted on the website depending on the length of closure- informing of any updates and news from our community.

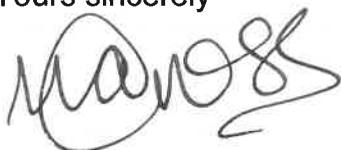


Chosen Charity

I am currently exploring the options for children entitled to free school meals and I am awaiting a response from our catering team. As soon as I know anything I will let you know. If you are having difficulty with providing food, please contact **Citizens Advice, housing support officers, children's centres, health visitors, social services and some local charities** who, unlike schools, can issue food bank vouchers.

Your continued support is very much appreciated at this time of uncertainty. We want our community to stay healthy and safe. All actions taken are in the best interests of the children and are to enable smooth transitions from open to closed and back again with minimal disruption or distress.

Yours sincerely



M Cross  
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