



Friday 13th March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Following the announcement from the Government on the 12th March 2020 in relation to coronavirus (COVID-19), we want to set out Propeller Academy Trust's position to keep all of our pupils and staff safe and healthy.

Our position is to follow Public Health England and Government guidelines with some additional measures within the local context and being Special Schools.

In all situations the Government website is your reference point and will enable you to understand our strategy. This website is updated on a daily basis.

[https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-coronavirus \(COVID-19\)/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-coronavirus-(COVID-19)/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-coronavirus-(COVID-19))

This guidance covers what to do if you have travelled abroad or been in close contact with a person who has been confirmed as having contracted coronavirus (COVID-19). It also gives you guidance on travel restrictions to different countries and how the virus is spread and how to prevent the spread of infection.

As you will be aware from the press conference that the Prime Minister gave on the evening of 12th March 2020, there are now additional reasons to self-isolate in order to minimise the spread of infection.

The Chief Medical Officer has instructed, with immediate effect that any person presenting symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) should self-isolate for 7 days.

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

- new continuous cough and/or
- high temperature

For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild infection

The key message from the current documentation is:

- if your child has symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) infection, however mild, keep them at home and isolate for 7 days from when their symptoms started

We have no plans to close either school unless we are directed to by Public Health England, the Government or in consultation with the Local Authority. However, following risk assessments, if staffing levels become at a ratio that we deem to be unsafe for your children in school, we may have to close some classes or indeed the whole school. This decision would not be taken lightly. Your children's health and safety is our priority.

At the time of writing, there are no confirmed or suspected cases in either Fitzwaryn or Kingfisher Schools. We are continuing to maintain our existing high standards of hygiene, cleanliness and care that you would associate with our schools.

In the event that the situation changes, we will update you via the usual channels.

Yours sincerely

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