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Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

We are currently dealing very carefully with the issues relating to Coronavirus. We have been carrying on as normal with everyday school life with the added advice to pupils and staff re hygiene and taking extra time to wash hands regularly.

If you have any concerns over symptoms please communicate with us and self-refer through 111. If you are in any doubt, please speak to us.

We continue to follow advice from Public Health England and pupils have been spoken to in the school about the hygiene messages that are being shared in the news on this (as below). We have put posters up around the school and we have hand gels available in school. As always attendance is a key factor in children doing well at school and we want every child in school every day wherever possible.

I would ask you to remain calm and to follow the advice given by Public Health England. We have been told by the Public Health Department at Walsall Council that:

**“Public Health England and Department of Health have advised that schools do not need to close in relation to COVID 19 (even if there are associated possible cases currently undergoing testing). If a confirmed case is identified with links to a school, specific advice would be given on a case by case basis and parents and students would be updated appropriately”**



We continue to monitor the changing stance of the government and it may be that there is a directive to close schools at some point. Staff are currently liaising on the plan of action if this occurs: mainly in terms of using online resources to set work. Below I have added a link to a site called Seneca because several staff use this site to set appropriate work. BBC Bitesize is also a very good site for pupils to access revision materials, please see link below. As you can appreciate, this is an extremely difficult time and I can understand that people are concerned about the health and well-being of their children. Pupil wellbeing is our number one priority and we are managing the situation with this consideration at the heart of everything we do at Shepwell.



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Seneca Learning

<https://www.senecalearning.com/>

BBC Bitesize

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>

If we do have to close, I will communicate this clearly via text message, email, Twitter, and the school's website. Please check these regularly.

Thank you for your support and understanding at a time of uncertainty.

Kind regards

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