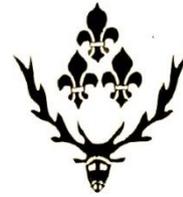


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'Valuing Everyone As Learners'

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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Coronavirus / Covid-19 concerns

With regards to the recent outbreak of Coronavirus and the subsequent confirmed cases in the UK, I wanted to make you aware what precautions we were taking at Giffards.

Firstly, at the time of writing this letter, we have no confirmed cases in our school. So currently there is no cause for alarm, but should the situation change we will keep you informed and updated. In the meantime we will continue to do all we can to minimise any risk to pupils, parents and staff.

We have taken a number of precautionary actions, which include:

- Taking daily advice from Public Health England and the Local Authority and adjusting our in-school prevention plans accordingly
- Ensuring that our children and staff are regularly washing their hands and using the hand sanitisers which are located all around the school and in all classrooms. Children are using these as soon as they enter their classroom, before and after break and lunch as well as sanitising their hands before eating and after PE or any clubs. In addition to which, all surfaces (including tables, chairs, door handles, light switches and banister rails) are being cleaned regularly, with anti-bacterial cleaning products.
- We will review whether we continue with Parents evenings and the book fair nearer the time and act upon current advice.

With regards to any possible school closures, it will be either the Department for Education and / or Public Health England who will make this decision. The DFE coronavirus helpline is now available to answer questions about COVID-19 in relation to education and schools. The contact details are as follows:

Phone: 0800 0468687

Email – DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk

Should the school close for an extended period of time following a Government decision, we will be sending home some work, this is currently being organised, just in case. We will support parents in ensuring children have access to work both on line and in paper format so that we can minimise any disruption to learning. This will also include materials for children in Year 2 and Year 6 who are due to take their SATs in May.

Thank you for your understanding and support at this challenging time. We will continue to keep you informed as the situation changes. Please be reassured the health and wellbeing of all our pupils and staff is our utmost priority.

Yours sincerely
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