

THURSDAY 18<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2020 – 09:45

### **SCHOOL IS OPEN AS NORMAL**

No pupils or staff have confirmed diagnoses of Covid-19 infection.

Three staff are currently Self-isolating on the current advice relating to family members.

Eight pupils are now off school for the same reason. If a brother or sister is sent home from their school because of suspected Coronavirus, then the whole family have to remain at home.

The latest advice on what to do if your child or other children/adults living with you show symptoms of Coronavirus is:

- if you live alone and you have symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), however mild, stay at home for 7 days from when your symptoms started
- if you live with others and you or another member of the household have symptoms of coronavirus, then all household members must stay at home and not leave the house for 14 days. The 14-day period starts from the day when the first person in the house became ill. It is likely that people living within a household will infect each other or be infected already. Staying at home for 14 days will greatly reduce the overall amount of infection the household could pass on to others in the community
- for anyone in the household who starts displaying symptoms, they need to stay at home for 7 days from when the symptoms appeared, regardless of what day they are on in the original 14-day isolation period.

The symptoms are:

- A high temperature (37.8 degrees and above)
- A new, continuous cough

### **SCHOOL**

Visitors are now banned from the school site. Only staff, pupils, health and social workers are exempt. Extended day activities have been limited to staying on-site. Residence is still open. Outdoor Education is still taking place, but all other trips and visits have been cancelled.

Every precaution is being taken to prevent the spread of infection in school. Hand sanitiser is available throughout the site. Extra cleaning and disinfecting is taking place around the school throughout the day. Pupils and staff are being encouraged to wash hands at every opportunity. If any pupils display any symptoms we will look to return them home.

## **RESIDENCE**

Just so you are all aware we have completed the following on the Residential unit.

- Staff meeting -to discuss concerns, government health information and action plan to reduce risk on the unit.
- Individual Hand sanitisers purchased and distributed to all Residential Staff & Pupils.
- Residential key worker sessions held to share and support pupils with good practice of hand washing etc
- Following Government recommendations on 16/3/20 & Staff Sickness- the unit will run just with the Residential Pupils until further notice
- Staff have undertaken deep cleans of the Residential unit on a regular basis.
- Staff updated with current Government guidelines
- Residential Pupils supported with completing Child Friendly Workbooks in quelling any concerns.

## **GENERAL**

This news will be updated as and when more information is available.