

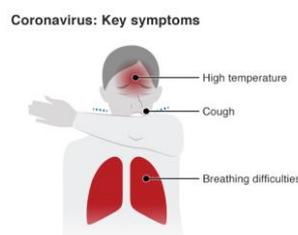
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Dear Parent/carers

As you will be aware, the Government is regularly updating advice on the coronavirus. Current advice is intended to slow the spread of the virus in order to ensure that the National Health Service (NHS) is able to cope with demand for its services.

What are the coronavirus symptoms?

- New, persistent cough
- A high temperature
- Breathing difficulties



If a member of your household has any of these symptoms **do not send** your child to school; **you should ALL self-isolate for 14 days** to support the delay of the spread of the virus and allow the NHS to do its job. **This will not affect your child's attendance**, but you must contact the school to report the absence and this will be recorded as exceptional circumstances.

In addition, the government have released guidance for 'at risk' groups and I would strongly advise you to read this. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-social-distancing-and-for-vulnerable-people/guidance-on-social-distancing-for-everyone-in-the-uk-and-protecting-older-people-and-vulnerable-adults>

Further measures in school include:

- Cancelling all face to face meetings including with parents and members of the public (you may contact staff by phone (01924 469549), email or the school email address: [office@w-h-s.org.uk](mailto:office@w-h-s.org.uk))
- Sporting fixtures against other schools have been cancelled
- All trips and visits have been cancelled
- College interviews have been postponed; this will be revisited later in the academic year
- Year 10 work experience has been postponed
- Parents' evenings have been postponed
- Assemblies have been cancelled for the remainder of this term

These measures will be reviewed daily and will remain in place only for as long as is necessary but are essential to try to stop the spread of the virus.

Currently we are open for all year groups but this may change because of numbers of staff who may have to self-isolate. Please continue to check our website [www.w-h-s.org.uk](http://www.w-h-s.org.uk) for further updates.

We would like to thank all parents / carers for their continued support during this unprecedented time.

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