

13<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Coronavirus (Covid-19)**

In addition to content in the newsletter this week, I am writing with information related to coronavirus, following the government's press conference yesterday. As you may know, the government has now moved the country into what they have called the 'delay phase'.

***At present schools are advised to stay open.*** This is what we shall be doing until we receive guidance/instruction to the contrary.

At the same time, as you would expect, we are making contingency plans in case the situation changes again and we have to close, or partially close, our school.

### **Key advice for parents if your child is ill**

**Students should not come into school if they are unwell with COVID-19 symptoms.**

**Please keep your child at home for seven days if they have either:**

- **a high temperature, or**
- **a new continuous cough**

This will help to protect others in our community while they are potentially infectious. Please report the child's absence to the school in the usual way and notify us that they are self-isolating with COVID-19 symptoms and will be off for 7 days. The absence will be authorised in these circumstances.

Government advice is that you do not take your child to a GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital with mild symptoms. You do not need to contact NHS 111 to tell them you're staying at home. The NHS will not be testing people who are self-isolating with mild symptoms

### **What we are doing as a school**

We have spoken to all our students and explained how to stay safe and how to have the best chance of avoiding catching or spreading the virus. We are encouraging regular hand washing, as per government advice and ensuring that the school is well-cleaned each day as usual.

The government has advised schools and colleges to cancel overseas trips. We are looking into how this will affect forthcoming trips, including the planned trip to Ypres in a fortnight's time, and will have more information shortly or details of any cancellations.

### **Further communication with parents**

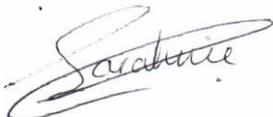
I will continue to keep you fully updated via email, letters, and our school webpage: <https://www.kingsschoolhove.org.uk/covid-19-coronavirus-update.php>

As a school, we continue to work closely with RET, Brighton & Hove City Council, Public Health England and the Department for Education.

This is clearly an unusual and fast moving situation, and we will do all we can to keep you informed as the situation develops.

Thank you for helping us look after everyone in the school community and for understanding the unique challenges we are facing. Thank you also for your continued prayers for our school community and for the national and international challenges COVID-19 is bringing at this time.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Price', written in a cursive style.

Mrs S Price  
*Headteacher*