



Dear Parents / Carers

18<sup>th</sup> March 2020

**WOODSIDE update COVID-19 (Coronavirus)**

We are aware that you will be concerned about COVID-19 and the impact that this will have on your families, schools and communities. We are following guidance from Public Health England and the Department for Education and the school is open.

**Class closures**

School leaders will continue to follow this guidance. However, there are issues around staffing levels which are linked to medical needs and their own self isolation.

Current guidance states that if any member of a household has a new, ongoing cough or temperature, all members of that household should self-isolate for 14 days.

**Our staffing levels have been significantly affected by this measure and it has been necessary to close some classes on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March.** If your child's class is closed, then you will have received a separate email and a telephone call informing you of this development.

We will be reviewing staffing levels and class closures on a daily basis.

**Annual Reviews**

Contrary to my previous correspondence, we will be postponing all Annual Review face-to-face meetings from Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March. Instead we will aim to hold Annual Reviews by telephone and will be making contact with families who have reviews scheduled from now until the end of term. Annual review meetings scheduled to take place today, Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March, will proceed as planned as far as possible.

**General information**

At Woodside, we have not been informed of any confirmed cases of Covid-19 in the school community and are strictly following all precautions and advice.

You will be aware that the situation is changing rapidly and I would advise you to monitor the situation through news sources and also through the school website.

If you are concerned about the health of any member of your household and need urgent advice, please contact NHS 111 or go the website <http://111nhs.uk/covid-19>.

Thank you for your messages and ongoing support and trust in us as we navigate our way through these extraordinary times. The Woodside staff team, (with whom it is a privilege to work), are remaining vigilant and calm as we continue to educate your child and keep them, and everyone safe.

Yours faithfully

**K Freame**  
Head of School