



## LEIGHTON PARK

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

RE: Coronavirus update – 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 2020

I am writing to you with updated information regarding Leighton Park and the current situation with Coronavirus (Covid-19). Leighton Park is continuing to closely monitor the guidance from Public Health England. With the confirmed case at a school locally we ask that parents and carers speak to the Health Centre [healthcentre@leightonpark.com](mailto:healthcentre@leightonpark.com) if their children present flu-like symptoms or if they have any concerns.

The symptoms of coronavirus are:

- a cough
- a high temperature
- shortness of breath.

These symptoms are similar to other illnesses, such as cold and flu, so are not in themselves a cause for alarm. However, in order to protect our School community we ask that any day students presenting symptoms be kept at home and that families report these symptoms to NHS 111, follow their advice and to inform your child's tutor at the earliest opportunity. We will closely monitor the health of our boarding students.

The World Health Organisation report that only 2.4% of all reported cases have been in children and of those 97.5% have only presented mild symptoms.

Students that feel well, and have not been to Iran, specific lockdown areas in Northern Italy, special care zones in South Korea or Hubei province in China ([Find further details and maps here](#)) are welcome in School as normal.

### **Sensible precautions**

We have spoken to the whole School community to offer reassurance and are encouraging everyone to follow NHS advice:

- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- put used tissues in the bin immediately
- wash your hands with soap and water often – use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- try to avoid close contact with people who are unwell
- do not touch your eyes, nose or mouth if your hands are not clean.

## Easter holidays

Families are asked to think carefully about travel plans during the Easter Holiday. Current guidance is only to limit travel to the high-incidence locations mentioned above but this may change and the guidance to self-isolate for fourteen days could be expanded to cover more locations, potentially causing your child to miss School. This is particularly pertinent to students in exam years, with many students scheduled to take exams early in the Summer Term.

The families and guardians of our overseas boarding students are being contacted individually to ensure adequate arrangements and support are in place for their care during the Easter holidays.

## Visitors to the School

Visitors to the School are being screened to reduce the risk of the virus being brought into our community. People that have visited affected areas, have been in contact with any confirmed cases in the UK or who are feeling unwell are not permitted to come onto the Park.

The School will continue to work proactively to safeguard the health and safety of our community and I would like to thank families for their ongoing support. We will update you regularly to provide reassurance and ask that if you have any specific medical questions that you contact the Health Centre [healthcentre@leightonpark.com](mailto:healthcentre@leightonpark.com) or if you have a more general enquiry to contact me via [edwardfalshaw@leightonpark.com](mailto:edwardfalshaw@leightonpark.com).

With best wishes,



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