Dear Parents and Carers,

Schools currently remain open and will aim to do so until advised by the Department for Education and Public Health England.

However, following the latest government announcement, there has been a change to the advice on self-isolation and vulnerable groups.

If you and your child are well, please continue to come to school.

If you or anyone in your household is displaying symptoms then all members of the household should self-isolate for 14 days.

The symptoms are: a new persistent cough and/or a high temperature.

The following groups are also requested to remain at home.

* Age >70
* Adults who are eligible for a free flu vaccination due to a long-term health condition
* Those who are immunocompromised

For further information, please [visit the West Sussex County Council website](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDEsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMDAzMTYuMTg4MjI0NTEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy53ZXN0c3Vzc2V4Lmdvdi51ay9jYW1wYWlnbnMvY29yb25hdmlydXMtY292aWQtMTkvIn0.47PnaBDlVdFbtahXVPoEbAJMPrydEQQrGvtFp7-mAvE/br/76180593801-l) - which also includes links to the latest government advice.

As mentioned in my previous letter, we are developing plans for home learning should the schools close. If your child is not unwell but is having to self-isolate we are recommending that they read, practise their spellings and times tables and pick tasks from the homework grid on our website.

As stated above we are staying open; however the senior leadership team and Governors are developing contingency plans if staffing levels drop below what is considered to be safe for our school. These theoretical plans do consider partial closures or full closures. It is our absolute hope that this does not happen but we do need to prepare and we felt it important to pass on this information.

This is a fast moving situation and we will continue to update when we have more information.

Kind regards,

Ms Kitson

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