

## **Robertswood School**

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## Update #2 – Tuesday 17th March

As a result of last night's update from the government, I would like to re-iterate the main points for families.

- Families are now being advised to stay at home for 14 days if they, or anyone in their household, has either a high temperature or a new and continuous cough. We have been in contact with those families mentioned in yesterday's update to ensure that they are aware of the extension. Overnight, we have been informed by 12 families who will be self-isolating for 14 days because of symptoms within the household that necessitates self-isolation.
- Everyone in the UK is now being advised to avoid "non-essential" contact with others and "unnecessary" travel. At Robertswood, this means extending restrictions to gatherings such as minimising eating together at lunch so that we will make use of the small hall and the playground for picnics during fine and warmer weather. It also means that outside clubs to the school and lettings will need to stop until further notice (Cheerleading, Mini Tennis, ZKT dance, PFO, Rugby Tots, Through the Wardrobe, MouseWizards, Language Play and Book Club). The breakfast and after school clubs will continue for the time being but we will continue to monitor advice on this as an essential part of school.
- Unfortunately, the PTA Bingo of Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March will be postponed but the Mother's Day Secret Shop is on as there will be limited numbers in one place.
- The last point relates to the 'shielding' of the most vulnerable groups including those with underlying medical conditions and individuals who are pregnant and we await more detail on this, but in the meantime, I am sure that you will want to congratulate Mrs Stanford and her husband who has announced that they will expecting the birth of a baby in September. However, we are awaiting advice on the at-risk groups who are expected to be shielded for 12 weeks.

In the meantime, we are increasing our efforts with handwashing, finalising accessibility to on-line learning and still in contact with the insurance team over the Year 6 French trip which will need to be cancelled.

That's it for today's update, I will write again with any updates as soon as I have any in regards to the operation of the school and the details of the re-arranged parent consultations when we have a better idea about future guidance.

Kind regards, E. Richings



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Dear Parents,