



Catshill Middle School

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Dear Parents and Carers

Re: Coronavirus (Covid 19)

With the situation changing daily, I want to inform you of the current situation at Catshill as of noon on 17th March 2020.

Although there are no confirmed cases of Covid 19 in either Catshill First School and Nursery or Catshill Middle School, some families are self-isolating in accordance with the latest guidance. Other families have chosen to keep their children away from school and we have supported their decisions. We anticipate that these numbers will rise on a daily basis.

Currently some staff (teaching, support and administrative) are also self-isolating and this situation will also change daily.

As a result, we are preparing for a potential partial or full closure. This would happen in the absence of adequate numbers of leadership staff, safeguarding leads, first aiders, administrators, cleaners, site staff as well as front line teachers and support staff. As you will be aware, this array of personnel are all required to ensure the effective and safe working of a school on a daily basis.

This has been discussed with the governing body who totally understand the possible need to make such a decision. We will keep you updated using the usual channels of communication.

Should we need to make a full or partial closure, we would ensure that you are directed to "Out of school learning", safeguarding communication access and the location for up to date information from the government.

In addition, from Wednesday 18th March, all after school clubs will cease until further notice. Face to face meetings (if required) will change to phone consultations in order to further reduce social contact.

Yours faithfully

Paul Essenhigh
Executive Headteacher