

Dear Parents/Carers,

I just wanted to keep you up to date with the South Dartmoor Community College (SDCC) approach following the most recent developments with regards to the COVID – 19 outbreak. Following will be the WeST trust approach which we are using to support and shape the local response at SDCC.

## MEASURES

The measures that we are taking include but are not exclusive to;

- Redirecting cleaning staff to cleaning high contact areas; handrails, door handles and door plates', taps and flushes
- Limiting access to toilets to enable those remaining open to be regularly cleaned; students to use Maths/English Block, History/MFL and Drama corridor. All others will be locked
- Staff to use Admin block, Library and History/MFL staff toilets.
- All domestic trips and activities postponed including all sports fixtures and Ten Tors Training
- All foreign trips have been cancelled
- No Assemblies
- Closing of the Ashmoor sports centre to all external users
- **ALL** after school clubs, revision/intervention sessions cancelled

## Visitors (including parents)

- All potential visitors should strongly consider whether a face to face meeting is necessary – please consider phone or email communication in the first instance
- Anyone wishing to visit another school, including within the WeST family, must phone ahead and pre-book the meeting, please do not turn up unannounced.
- All agreed visitors will be asked to wash/sanitise their hands upon arrival
- If you have cold/flu like symptoms, no matter how minor, please do not come to the school.
- If you are a parent/carer who has cold/flu like symptoms and you are collecting your child for any reason during the school day, please remain in your car and your child will be brought to you by a member of staff.

## Meetings

- All non-urgent meetings with external people will be cancelled. Telephone or Skype meetings will be used wherever possible. Multi agency meetings can continue if all members of the team consent to the meeting going ahead. See below for meeting protocol.
- If a face – to – face meeting is unavoidable an appropriate distance of 2 meters will be kept between the member of staff and the visitor.

These reflect the current advice from the government for educational settings. See here<<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19>>.

## ADVICE

The advice is now that students must be kept at home and self-isolated for 14 days if they exhibit flu like symptoms;

## EITHER

- \* A persistent dry cough OR
- \* A Temperature

As per the advice please do not send your child to school if they are exhibiting **EITHER** of these symptoms and should your child become unwell at school, we will contact you to collect them as soon as possible. Should a member of your household exhibit symptoms then the advice is to self-isolate all family members for 14 days and follow the government advice and support on Self-Isolation<<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>>.

As with all absence please call the school to report the absence leaving a brief message as to the nature and length of the child's absence if the attendance officer is unable to take your call.

Please continue to monitor the school website and emails for the most up to date communication and information.

Kind regards

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