



Herne Bay High School

Specialist Sports College

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Dear Parent/Carer

Following the announcements from central government last night, I thought it prudent to contact you again with the latest information and how it impacts schools.

Firstly, you will be pleased to know that the school has continued to function normally all week, with quality learning and the majority of all extra-curricular after school activities running as planned. We continue to risk assess everything we do and will keep you updated on any changes as they happen.

The announcements by central government may start to have an impact on Herne Bay High, so for clarification, the very latest changes announced last night and as listed on the NHS Coronavirus (COVID-19) website (<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>) are:

Stay at home if you have coronavirus symptoms

Stay at home for 7 days if you have either:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough

Do not go to a GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital.

You do not need to contact 111 to tell them you're staying at home.

Read our [advice about staying at home](#).

Use the NHS 111 online coronavirus service if:

- you feel you cannot cope with your symptoms at home
- your condition gets worse
- your symptoms do not get better after 7 days

➔ [Use the 111 coronavirus service](#)

Only call 111 if you cannot get help online.

The above applies to both students and staff, so if as a parent or carer you feel your child has the above symptoms, however mild, please keep them at home and follow the above advice. Please then contact the school in the normal way through the attendance line. Your child will have their absence authorised by the school so please don't feel that you will be penalised.



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The same advice is applicable to students and staff who were on the trip to Italy two weeks ago and who will have been out of Italy for 10 days when they return to school on Monday 16th March, three days longer than the most recent government advice detailed above.

In addition to the reactive procedures we are instructed to follow, we are also being proactive. I have asked our cleaning team to alter the process for cleaning the school, focussing more on sanitising door handles, tables, taps and all the areas that are more likely to aid transmission. We also have adequate quantities of high alcohol hand sanitiser located in dispensers in the eating areas, by all toilets and in the entrance to the school. We encourage you to remind your children to continue to use them regularly.

You will also have heard that schools may be asked to close, although not yet. We have already planned a strategy for students to continue their learning at home should this be the case. If such a situation occurs, staff will 'work from home' and will set work as per your child's timetable on the Show My Homework platform. This will be in an accessible format to access from all devices and staff will support their students' learning via the Show My Homework email system. Further information on this will be shared when this happens.

What is for certain is that we are entering a complex and challenging time. However, I am confident that all of us at Herne Bay High school are, and will continue to do, the very best we can to provide a quality education and maintain the health, safety and wellbeing of all of our children and staff.

Please keep an eye on our website at <https://www.hernebayhigh.org/information/coronavirus/> for further information.

Yours faithfully,

Jon Boyes
Principal