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### **Update Coronavirus**

Dear Parent/Carer

The response to the COVID-19 pandemic is constantly evolving. At Southernly Point Co-operative Multi-Academy Trust, we want to be responsible in ensuring that we are able to keep our schools open in line with guidance from Public Health England.

Senior colleagues and I have met to put together further plans in order to respond to what will be a challenging time for us all. In making our plans, our guiding principles are:

- The safety and wellbeing of all members of our community
- Following government advice and trying to stay open if it is in the national interest
- Care, kindness and achievement.

Obviously, I am unable to provide any certainties at present, but it is important that we respond to all eventualities in a calm and proportionate manner. Our pupils, in particular, require reassurance.

As you would expect, we have developed plans in areas such as safeguarding and health and safety. Resources are likely to be stretched. It will be difficult to balance a desire to stay open – fully or partially – when there is also advice to use self-isolation (“stay at home”) when appropriate.

Until government advice changes, we will do our very best to stay open. In order to do this several options may be considered in due course:

- Sharing staff across school settings
- Partial closures – prioritising examination year groups
- Combining local small schools on a temporary basis.

Further information will be provided if these steps need to be taken for example transportation.

This also means that we will limit our activities because we need to ensure we have sufficient staff in school. Therefore school visits, sports fixtures etc. will not be taking place until further notice.

We are working with agencies to ensure that those who are entitled to free school meals will be able to access meals if the schools have to close. Should this become necessary, we will update you at that point.

Every member of our community must play their part as based on our Trust values.

Our pupils must respect resources, especially those connected to health and hygiene; toilets and washing facilities must be treated with the utmost respect. Pupils themselves must wash their hands regularly and thoroughly.

In line with government advice, if a member of your family has the symptoms of the virus – a new, persistent cough and /or high temperature – your family must self-isolate for 14 days (*see below*).

Please inform the school of your child's absence in the usual way.

Contact 111 if you are concerned about your child's health or 999 in an emergency.

***The school is not best placed to give you medical advice.***

#### **Government Advice March 16<sup>th</sup>:**

If you live alone and you have symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), however mild, stay at home for 7 days from when your symptoms started.

If you live with others and you or another member of the household have symptoms of coronavirus, then all household members must stay at home and not leave the house for 14 days. The 14-day period starts from the day when the first person in the house became ill. It is likely that people living within a household will infect each other or be infected already. Staying at home for 14 days will greatly reduce the overall amount of infection the household could pass on to others in the community

For anyone in the household who starts displaying symptoms, they need to stay at home for 7 days from when the symptoms appeared, regardless of what day they are on in the original 14-day isolation period.

**The full stay at home guidance for households with these symptoms can be found here:**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>

In the meantime, please continue to talk to your children about the need for good hygiene practice in public spaces, and ensure they come to school with tissues etc.

Please ensure that you and your family wash your hands before coming to school.

Please ensure that your contact details are up to date with your school office, which will also be vital in case the decision is made to close or partially close a school. If the school needs to close, the school will keep you informed through its usual communication channels.

We will continue to keep you fully informed over the coming days and weeks.

We are sure you are aware and can appreciate, this is an ever-evolving and fast-changing situation. Our schools find themselves having to make decisions on this unprecedented event with the support of our Trust, so please be patient with our schools and their office staff.

Yours sincerely

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