



13th March 2020

Dear Parents/Carer,

Coronavirus COVID-19 Update

I am writing to provide you with a further update regarding our management of the current situation regarding Coronavirus.

We continue to follow advice for schools provided by Public Health England/Government. We are encouraging regular hand washing and general hygiene e.g., use of tissues to reduce spread of infection.

I must now request that if your child or anyone in your household develops a continuous cough or a high temperature then you must keep your child at home for at least 7 days to protect others and help slow the spread of disease. This absence will be marked as "authorised absence".

Bower Grove School will remain open and the usual school day will continue unless we are advised otherwise by the Government.

In the very unlikely event that we have a confirmed case of Coronavirus or staff absence reaches a critical level we will use our normal school closure reporting procedure which is:

- Parent/Carer Text will be sent
- Notification on KCC School Closures website www.kentclosures.co.uk
- Notification will be posted on our school website and Facebook page
- Work for pupils at home will be uploaded to SAM Learning
- Appropriate websites for examination revision will be signposted

I would like to reassure parents and carers that we are maintaining a calm and measured approach to this situation. I will update you further should guidance to schools change.

If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Your faithfully,

Mrs L Salter
Headteacher