## Wednesday, 18 March 2020



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## Dear Parent / Guardian

We wish to inform you that there is a confirmed case of Coronavirus of a student in the school. The pupil hasn't attended school since Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March and was confirmed to us today.

We have taken advice from Public Health England, Shropshire Council, and the Department for Education and followed the latest guidance from the government.

We take the health of the children and our staff very seriously; therefore, we have decided to take the following precautionary measures. The school will be closed for the next two days, Thursday and Friday, to allow for a thorough clean of the building. You will already know that we have introduced increased cleaning and hand washing and further measures will continue to be implemented.

Please also refer to the Department for Education 'New guidance for households with symptoms' which was distributed on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March.

We understand that you may have concerns, but we want to reassure you and reiterate that we have followed all the guidance and advice currently available.

We have taken this decision in conjunction with our board of Governors, Public Health England and the local authority amid the operational concerns of maintaining safe working practices.

During this period we would kindly ask parents to e-mail <a href="mailto:absence@corbetschool.net">absence@corbetschool.net</a> if their child is symptomatic and the date from which they will be self-isolating. We will review pupil and staff absence levels on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March and advise parents of our plans for week commencing Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March. We would like to advise that this is likely to be a phased opening of school, but further details will be provided in due course.

I am sorry that, at this stage, I cannot give any further guidance about next week but as we all know the picture changes every day and we can only respond to advice as we receive it. I would like to thank parents for their support at this exceptionally difficult time for us all.

Yours sincerely,

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