



16th March 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to provide you with an update on the latest government advice for schools regarding Coronavirus (COVID -19).

Up to date guidance from the Department from Education can be found [here](#).

Monitoring and self-isolation

The latest advice following the Governments COBRA meeting is that if any pupil or staff member presents with a cough or high temperature, they should stay at home for 7 days. Other symptoms to look out for are shortness of breath, or cold or flu-like symptoms.

We would ask you please to keep your children off from school until they are fully better and clear of all symptoms and report their absence via the usual reporting route. You will be naturally concerned about your child's attendance but due to the current national and global situation, we need to follow the advice given.

This does not mean that they have Coronavirus (COVID -19); however, it is just taking precautions to ensure that we are not passing on any further illnesses to pupils, students and staff as we are all aware that this is the seasonal period for colds and flu.

Please continue to follow the general advice with regards to hand-washing and hygiene and please follow the latest NHS guidance if you have any medical concerns. The Department for Education are also operating a free helpline 0800 046 8687 Monday to Friday 8:00am – 6:00pm if parents do have other concerns or questions as well.

Visitors and events in school

- Non-essential visits to the academy site are all being reviewed individually.
- All whole school assemblies and Collective Worship will be cancelled until after the Easter holiday.
- All parent workshops (e.g. Mother's Day tea) will be postponed until after the Easter holiday.
- All school events such as the Easter Fair will be cancelled.





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Home Learning

While the current advice is to remain open and continue with the education of our young people, the academy has been putting in place contingency plans.

If the school does need to close in the future, all pupils will be able to access home learning through the Class Dojo app.

All year groups will have access to daily activities set by class teachers during term time – these activities will be uploaded to Class Dojo each day and a day in advance. EYFS may also use Tapestry. This means that Tuesday's work will be uploaded by 4:30pm on the Monday for example.

The following framework will be used:

Number of Daily Tasks

- 1 English task – based on the year group curriculum.
- 1 Maths task – based on the year group curriculum.
- 1 Topic task – in line with the curriculum map.

Enquiries from Parents

We have also set up new class teacher email accounts so that parental enquiries regarding home-based learning can be answered directly by the class teacher and for pupils' work to be downloaded and shared with the class teacher. These email accounts will only be used if the school is closed in the future.

Miss Merrett	zebras@kessingland.dneat.org
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We now believe that all parents have access to Class Dojo. Please ensure that you are signed up to all of the classes that you have a child in, as this is where you will be able to access the individual classes' home learning.

You will also need to make sure that you have access to the 'School Story' and the 'News and Information' section so that you are able to read general updates.

We have also set up the Student and Family Support team with an email address so that parents and carers can contact this team during any school closure.

safs@kessingland.dneat.org

All other enquiries should be sent to the usual Office account and this will then be directed to the relevant member of staff.

office@kessingland.dneat.org

I fully appreciate that this a time of anxiety and we will continue to issue further advice and guidance as soon as this becomes available. As always, if you have any other concerns or queries then please contact the school in the usual way.

Yours sincerely,

Adrian Crossland

Headteacher

