

Wednesday, March 18, 2020



Dear Parent/Carer

COVID19 Daily Update 17.03.20

The School will be open tomorrow, Wednesday 18 March 2020 as normal. Please continue to check your emails and the website for the latest accurate information from the School.

We still have no confirmed cases of COVID-19 at Isca Academy at this time, although we recognise that this is unlikely to change, as young people are not being prioritised for testing in the current situation.

We do now, however, have an increasing number of students who are rightly self-isolating and a number of students that we have sent home displaying symptoms. Approximately 10% of the student population are absent in relation to COVID-19.

As you will be aware, the government advice is evolving rapidly. For your information, we are currently working, using the following government [guidelines](#):

- if you live alone and you have symptoms of coronavirus illness (COVID-19), however mild, stay at home for **7 days** from when your symptoms started. (See [ending isolation](#) section for more information)
- if you live with others and you or one of them 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.

Whilst we would not wish to close the School, we need to make you aware that as a consequence of the guidance, a significant number of staff will be unable to teach lessons. It is highly likely that over the coming days, we will have to look at suspending normal lessons. We will, of course, let you know as soon as possible, should this be necessary. We thank you for your understanding and patience during this difficult time. We will continue to brief all students on what is required of them in the event that the School is forced to close.

If you or your child are self-isolating, please do keep us fully informed so that we can keep in contact and continue to support you and your child.

If you have any concerns regarding any of the above, please contact coronavirus@iscaexeter.co.uk
Please continue to follow all normal procedures for absence.

Take care,

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