



17th March 2020

## Corona Virus Community Update 6

Dear Parents and Carers

Following on from my recent update I write to update you on the school situation during this difficult time.

**I and my Senior Leadership Team have been assessing the situation throughout the day and can confirm that the school will remain open for the time being. With this said, I am not ruling out any further decisions tomorrow following staffing changes that may occur.**

**I have outlined some key developments and updates below for transparency on the school situation:**

- There is a significant number of staff absence following yesterday's Government guidance.
- There has been a significant number of parents that have chosen to keep their child at home following their specific family situation.
- There have been a number of students that have been sent home due to illness. We have followed strict guidelines in relation to these cases.

Other schools have already made the decisions to close or only open for certain year groups based on their own individual circumstances. I will inform you if the situation changes as soon as possible.

I speak from the heart when I say that this is a very difficult time and my staff are working tremendously hard to ensure we deliver our service to Newsome families - bearing in mind their own family circumstances.

Thank you for the well wishes that have been sent through - these have been shared and greatly received.

Yours faithfully,

Mr D Watkin: Headteacher