



18th March 2020

Dear Parents,

In response to enquiries from parents, I am pleased to inform you that to the best of our knowledge none of our students have been confirmed to have the Corona Virus. Further we have not been informed, or heard that any of our families have been affected by the virus.

We have some members of staff who have been instructed to self-isolate as a precautionary measure. There is no suggestion that any of them is infected with the virus.

We have seen a rise in pupil absence. This is largely due to parents choosing to isolate their children at home, rather than due to illness.

Schools across the city are struggling to cope with staff absence as the number self-isolating staff increases. Given the Government's latest advice it is inevitable that we will continue to see a rise in both staff and pupil absence. Thus far St Georges has been lucky in this area. However, you need to be aware that staff absence does impact on schools normal delivery in terms of curriculum and supervision. The hope is that things will not deteriorate to the point where school closure becomes inevitable.

Owing to staff issues Lower School Aftercare will also finish promptly at 4.30pm as of Monday 23rd March. We understand that this may prove inconvenient for some of you, hence the decision to inform you today.

If it is not essential that your child attends our Aftercare provisions, we would request that you collect them at 3.30pm.

A *personalised approach* to education

St George's School is an equal opportunities employer committed to safeguarding its pupils including an enhanced DBS and Prohibition check.



The purpose of this letter is to assure you that the staff of St Georges are dedicated to the ensuring that your children receive the best possible care and education. We all find ourselves in strange and threatening times, and it is essential that we all support each other. The news is invariably alarmist so keeping a cool head can be difficult.

My wife Helen and I are part of the 'older' endangered species who must live incommunicado for an indefinite time. I have taken to humming the old song 'one day at a time'. Helen would prefer I didn't!

My very best wishes to every member of our St Georges family, students, parents and Staff.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sir Bob', with a long, sweeping horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Sir Bob

(Chair of the Board of Trustees)