

Dear parents

Firstly, thank you for your very positive response so far to the Covid-19 virus situation. Your suggestions continue to be welcome and your cooperation appreciated. I have had some nice communication by email and some amicable and useful meetings with parents recently.

A useful link, below, to the UNICEF site was sent by one parent.

“ I thought this articles on **“What parents should know” : How to protect yourself and your children on [unicef.org](https://www.unicef.org/stories/novel-coronavirus-outbreak-what-parents-should-know) is quite helpful. <https://www.unicef.org/stories/novel-coronavirus-outbreak-what-parents-should-know>**”

The articles include a basic knowledge of COVID 19 and How can one avoid the risk of infection”
Thank you to the parent who sent this in.

Secondly, you will have heard that Harrow International School has been closed for a short while. We have no plans, currently, to close St. Stephen’s, with, nearly, a full complement of students and teachers, the school continues to function as normal apart from the cancellation of some events. We are, of course, at the mercy of higher authorities at times and so cannot be certain of future events. We are, though, hoping for the best while preparing for other eventualities.

Thirdly, could I ask that if you have concerns or questions you come directly to me, or send messages via my PA for the answers. If I do not know the answers then I will endeavour to find out. There have been recent situations of misinformation and some unhelpful rumours.

Yesterday information reached us that a radio station had been saying that the school was closed. We then had to contact the Radio station to see if this information was true. It turned out that the Radio station had not in fact transmitted this information, but they kindly agreed to transmit the information that we were not closed.

Another rumour circulating was that one of our teachers, currently on compassionate family leave, had contracted the virus, simply because she had been sick and was now away from school. By the time I was able to address this rumour I suspect it had spread to a large portion of our community and caused some usease.

I will continue to update you as the situation develops, but in the meantime, I wish you all a relaxing weekend

Best wishes

John Rolfe