



Monday 16th March 2020

Dear Parent/Carers,

Corona Virus Update

As I am sure you are aware, the Prime Minister has indicated that there will **not** be a nationwide closure of schools at this time. Current guidance from the Department for Education (DfE) and Public Health England (PHE) remains that schools stay open; however, it is possible that this advice may change as the spread of coronavirus continues. If we are required to close our school, we will take the necessary steps to ensure you are informed of the closure and that the effect on pupils' education is limited.

In the event that we do close the school, you will be informed via text message and email and advised on how long we expect the closure to last. Please check that you have provided us with your most up-to-date contact details to ensure you receive any correspondence regarding a closure. If you need to provide us with new details, please contact the school office on 625-5238/625 8446.

We take the health and safety of our pupils and staff very seriously. Last week the children took part in an assembly all about effective hand-washing techniques and we will continue to reinforce this message. We will give children regular reminders about washing their hands and increase the frequency of hand-washing throughout the school day. School standards of cleaning are good but we will pay further attention to cleaning of handles, push plates and other hard surfaces.

We have been advised to ask anyone who shows certain symptoms to self-isolate for 7 days regardless of whether they have travelled to affected areas. This means that if your child shows symptoms of Coronavirus/Covid-19 they should stay at home for **SEVEN DAYS** and avoid all but essential contact.

The symptoms are:

- A high temperature (37.8 degrees and above)
- A new, continuous cough

Further information can be found on the following websites-

www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-education

www.gov.uk/government/organisations/public-health-england

Please use our normal procedures for reporting your child's absence from school. The Local Authority is advising schools on how absences linked to this virus should be recorded.

We have begun to consider how we can provide work/activities for children to complete at home (paper-based and online), so we can reduce any possible learning loss, if closure is forced upon us. We are lucky because we have got three online learning tools already in place: Bug Club, Mathletics and Purple Mash.

Your child's health and the health of our school staff and the wider community is always of paramount importance to us. We endeavour to do whatever is necessary to keep us all safe.

Yours sincerely

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