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CORONAVIRUS UPDATE – 13th March 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

We would like to inform you about our plans and preparations for any potential disruption to school in relation to Coronavirus (COVID-19). We thought it would be helpful to explain what we are doing and how to access more information.

Information

Firstly, we continue to receive daily updates from the Department for Education and Public Health England and we continue to follow their advice. The links below provide further guidance:

- <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public>
- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19>
- <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Please could you follow these guidelines when deciding whether or not to send your child to school if you are concerned that they may have coronavirus.

We are Open

Most importantly, we currently remain open and expect all pupils who are well to attend. However we will send children home who do have a high temperature or a persistent cough and they then must stay away for seven days.

The current directive from the DFE is that, even if we do have confirmed cases of coronavirus, the expectation would be to keep the school open if possible.

Safeguarding children is everyone's responsibility. If you have any concerns about a child, please telephone 01302 737777



If we have to Close or Partially Close

We have reviewed our emergency plans and are developing contingencies should we have to close or partially close due to either government instruction or due to staff absences. In the event of any closure, partial or full, we will contact you via ParentMail and put a message on our school website. It is therefore very important you let the main office know of any number changes so we can ensure you are added to the system.

Hand Washing

We are aware that some children's hands are sore from all the handwashing and we would recommend that if this is the case you send to school moisturiser, labelled with the child's name, which the children can keep in class. Please ask them to only use their own moisturiser. However it should be noted that increased hand washing will remain in place. Just to reassure you the soap in school is ph balanced, contains moisturisers and is classed as a mild skin cleaner.

Activities and Meetings

- We are monitoring all **out of school visits** and again following the latest advice from the government about whether to cancel or not closer to the time
- **Parent Anxiety workshop** on Monday 16th March postponed
- **Assemblies** will be cancelled until further notice
- **Parents Evenings** will be cancelled and rearranged at a later date
- **Year 4 Concert** will be postponed until a later date
- **Breakfast and after school clubs** will continue for now

Home Learning

We are now preparing to provide work for your children **should** we have to close the school for any length of time or if your child has to self-isolate but is able to work from home.

We have added a [home learning](#) tab on our school website and [class tabs](#) with specific year group work.

I know this is a very difficult time but I hope that this letter gives you some reassurance that we are making the best possible preparations and in the meantime continue to operate a full and normal school day for as long as possible, welcoming your children into school every day on time.

Yours sincerely,

J Harris
Headteacher