

Dear Parent/Carer,

## **COVID 19- Coronavirus Update**

We are writing to advise you of the measures school will be taking to help prevent the spread of COVID 19- coronavirus. The school continues to take advice from the DFE, Public Health England and the local authority. We also work closely with our cluster of schools to ensure the information we provide parents with is up to date and reliable.

## **What action have we taken so far as a school?**

The children have been encouraged by staff to wash their hands on regular occasions throughout the day especially when coming into school. We have been using DFE resources to explain to the children why this is necessary. We will of course be continuing with this measure. Mr Davy, the school's caretaker, has been prioritising the cleaning of all surfaces in school for example, door handles, desks, sinks etc. as recommended by the DCC cleaning service.

## **What new measures is the school going to introduce?**

We do have members of staff and children who have underlying health conditions and therefore are currently very vulnerable given the situation. Given the risk that the virus poses to them **we are asking parents to minimise coming in to the school building, though Parent Consultations will go ahead tonight and tomorrow**. If you need to speak to your child's teacher then a quick conversation outside on drop off/ collection or a telephone appointment can be made by contacting Mrs Hardy/Kelley in the office. We appreciate that this is not an ideal situation but given the present position, it is important that we take measures to protect everyone.

## **Coronavirus and Home Learning – Seesaw: The Learning Journey app**

We are preparing to continue to educate pupils who may be asked to self-isolate over the coming weeks. To that end we are setting up a Home Learning System using **Seesaw**. This is a web or app based system that will enable your child to access work at home, complete the work and return it to school digitally. Once set up there will be daily work available. Please make sure your child has access.

To use Seesaw you will need to access the website (**web.seesaw.me**) or the android/apple app **Seesaw: The Learning Journal** (the app icon says Class) which you can download free of charge on to any tablet. We will/have provided a QR (block code) or a text code on Parents Evening for your child to log on and access their classwork. Please note initially there will be no work to see until it's up and running but you should receive notifications when it is.

If, in the near future, the DFE advises schools to close we have prepared work on paper to go home in the first instance whilst the system is set up but we will then use this method to provide work for your child.

## Prevent the spread of infection

We would ask you to help us by ensuring that you keep your child at home if they have a high temperature or any other symptoms of a winter illness, until they have fully recovered. If your child has a high temperature (38C or above), persistent cough, difficulty breathing then they must be isolated for 7 days under the government guidance.

Please make sure you and your children follow these general principles to prevent spreading any respiratory virus:

- Wash your hands often – with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, or an alcohol-based sanitiser if soap and water aren't available
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- If you feel unwell, stay at home and don't attend work or school
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in a bin
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces in the home
- If you're worried about your symptoms, please call NHS 111 – don't go directly to your GP or other healthcare environment

*Please note that the **Easter Service** has been **cancelled** by the school and we will be reviewing issues such as Assemblies, Visits and Sporting Events over the next few days.*

We will provide further updates via the School App as the government makes announcements.

Yours sincerely



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