

Coronavirus Update

Dear Parent/Carer,

We have had a few parents querying the decisions made by the school with regard to the Coronavirus, illness in school, travel, etc. Can we make it clear that the school adheres to the guidance from the DFE which we receive daily.

Though the issues are changing at a fast pace, as illustrated by the daily briefings from the government, we follow the advice as stated.

Today we have been inundated with queries and questions about individual children and we simply cannot answer the volume of calls we've been getting. Can we reiterate that if unsure check via the advice lines including NHS 111.

The DFE advice we receive is found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19>

You will see that any pupil displaying a high temperature or a new cough will be isolated and sent home. If this has happened to your child please adhere to the advice found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>

You will note that it also discusses other members of the family.

Though the government advice is clear it is difficult to get clarity if your child has had the recent sickness bug in school. We would advise that you contact NHS 111 in these cases to be absolutely sure and state the symptoms. However, where a high temperature is present then please follow the guidance above.

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 Seesaw to provide work for your child.

If you do not have the QR code for your child by Thursday, 19th March please contact the school.



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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 **Y3/4** assembly on Thursday is **cancelled**
- the **Y5** swimming has **been cancelled** for this week
- the **Easter Service** has been **cancelled on the 2nd April**
- the **Y1** visit to Hardwick has been **cancelled on the 25th March**
- the **Y2/3** trip to the Roundhouse has now been **cancelled on the 1st April**

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

Yours sincerely



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