



Monday 16th March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Coronavirus

I am writing to you about the latest updates regarding Coronavirus and to inform you about what measures we are taking to keep all pupils safe in our school and to limit the spread of the virus as much as possible. We continue to monitor the situation regularly and to follow the advice of Public Health England (PHE) and the government.

This evening the government has updated its guidance for education settings and for self-isolation. The government announced two key changes that will impact our children and families. They are;

- **Anyone with symptoms (a new continuous cough OR a high temperature – anything above 37.8 degrees) must self-isolate for 14 days.**
- **Anyone who is living with someone who has symptoms (listed above) will also need to self-isolate for 14 days.**

The school expects that all parents adhere directly to these guidelines.

As a school we are also taking measures should a child display symptoms whilst attending school. If anyone presents with Coronavirus symptoms whilst on the school site, they will be taken out of class and a parent will be asked to collect their child as quickly as possible.

If you feel that you need clinical advice, you are advised to: Use the NHS online 111 service, or call 111 if you do not have internet access. If you or your child are seriously ill or you feel that your life is at risk you should call 999.

We are taking this situation very seriously. We are encouraging all members of the school to protect themselves and to help in slowing the spread of all germs. I will set out how we are doing that below.

- We will be stopping visitors onto site who are not essential.
- We are encouraging all children to carry tissues and to use them and place these tissues in the bin.
- To kill the germs we are ensuring children wash their hands with soap and water regularly throughout the day.
- Our site staff are taking particular care to regularly deep clean 'high touch' areas of the site.

I have also decided to **cancel** all the planned parents' evening due to be held the week beginning 23rd March 2020. This decision has not been taken lightly and I will continue to review our approach as the situation evolves; we will endeavour to rearrange these. If you have any urgent concerns about your child then please contact your child's class teacher for a telephone appointment to discuss your concerns.

I understand that these unprecedented times can be very unsettling for everyone including the children. We will continue to talk to the children in school and support them through these difficult times. I thank you all for your on-going support and we will continue to update you about upcoming events and trips as we risk assess the individual situations and monitor government advice.

Kind regards

Mrs S Harries
Headteacher