



Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

## Coronavirus Update

Thank you for your ongoing support at this very unsettling time. We have had no reported cases within the school community of anyone that has tested positive for COVID-19. We are continuing to encourage children to wash their hands thoroughly with soap throughout the day and use the hand sanitisers as well as minimising physical contact.

The site team are also cleaning communal touch points such as doors and handrails regularly with disinfectant as well as full cleans after school and at the weekend. At the end of today, I will close off all water fountains. Children should bring in their own water bottle to school from Monday, clearly labelled with their name. Please fill the water bottle in the morning for them before they come to school (no frozen water please).

We have been working on a contingency plan in case the school does have to close in the near future. An outline has been set up for each year group and, if the school is closed, teachers will set work weekly online for the children to access. They will bring a book home where they will complete their home learning. This will be worked through by the children with their teachers when they return to school. More information about this will be shared with parents if the school does close.

We continue to take advice from Public Health England (PHE) and the Department for Education (DfE) on next steps while maintaining the remit of prioritising the wellbeing of our children and staff.

I am sure that you will be aware of further guidance issued by the Government yesterday on Coronavirus and its impact on schools. Important messages that impact on our school and decisions made as result of this are highlighted below:

- Children with Coronavirus symptoms (either a high temperature or a new, continuous cough) must be kept at home for 7 days and the school informed that they will be self isolating.  
<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>
- There is further guidance available from the government if children do have these symptoms. Please take some time to look here:  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-people-with-confirmed-or-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>
- School trips will be cancelled from today until the end of April 2020 where we will carry out another risk assessment at that point. This is based on risk assessments carried out by the school based on the new guidance from the DFE. This includes class trips, sports related team trips and weekly swimming lessons. Further information on this will follow in the coming weeks.

Please call NHS 111 if:

- You think you might have coronavirus
- In the last 14 days you have been to a country or area with a high risk of coronavirus
- You have been in close contact with someone with coronavirus

We have been advised by Public Health England that the phone lines are getting an unprecedented number of calls at the moment. If you require any advice from them please use the online tool: <https://111.nhs.uk/covid-19>

The latest advice on the coronavirus can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

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All communications around COVID-19 (Cronoavirus) will be sent by email as well as published on the school website with a link on the homepage. Please check this regularly for updates.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Richards  
Headteacher