



Monday 16<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. I will now be communicating daily with parents and carers with latest updates released at approximately 3pm giving an opportunity to consider and act upon any updates from central government that are usually received at 2pm daily.

After completing latest risk assessments and making sure we are doing all we can to keep the children safe as well as our staff and local community, the following will be enforced:

- Except for the picking up and dropping off of children, only staff who are needed for the direct operational running of the school will be allowed on site during the school day.
- All clubs run through Kenzalia will be cancelled. Kenzalia will continue to operate but with the sole purpose of providing wraparound care for parents and carers who are unable to collect at 3:30pm. Its function has now changed from enhancing the curriculum to providing wraparound care and will change back at a later date.
- School events such as cake sales, which encourage the interaction of large groups, are cancelled.
- Parents and carers will have a larger area to stand in the morning with the intention they can leave comfortable gaps between each other.
- Parents and carers are encouraged to pick up children and leave in a calm but swift manner in order to minimise contact.

## **Water Bottles: Please make sure that your child brings in their own water bottle and it is named.**

As you will have seen on the previous email, we have been working on a contingency plan in case the school does have to close in the near future. The model we are working on does require a responsible adult and your child to be able to access the school website, Mathletics and Purple Mash. This does not mean that children will be required to sit on a computer all day but access will be needed to retrieve tasks for the day and a portion of learning, will be on computer programs. Tomorrow, children will bring home a 'Home Learning' book which they should only use if the school closes. This is not a doodle book and must only be used for home learning. Teachers will expect to see these upon return to school. Children will also bring home login details for different learning platforms and these should be checked that they work. It is essential that you inform us by replying to this email if you do not have access to a laptop, tablet of some kind or smart phone or wifi connection. Further information on this to come.

The school has also formed an action plan on how we operate given we will be faced with staff absences over the coming weeks. Safeguarding, as well as health and safety, will remain at the forefront of these decisions but please don't be alarmed if you hear your child was taught by somebody different during the day or potentially in a different classroom or area of the school. After safeguarding and health and safety, we will be working hard to ensure that the curriculum is delivered to the highest possible standard. Our third core commitment is to maintain the school's ability to function as a key service to the local community and this is primarily focusing on the school only closing if instructed by the DfE or PHE.

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.



Latest advice is shown 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>

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>

As previously mentioned, 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