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Dear Parents and Carers,

**Coronavirus Update as at 12.03.2020:**

I would like to take this opportunity to update you on the school's position with the developing situation regarding the Coronavirus. At present we are monitoring the situation daily through the DFE, Public Health England and Government websites, following advice given.

Currently, there is no planned date by the Government to close schools, although this measure is identified as an option if required. As a consequence of this, the school is planning two phases of strategy. The first phase being prevention and the second what the school will do in the event of closures.

**In-School Procedures**

As you are probably aware COBRA met yesterday (12/3/20) and have just announced that we are now in the delay stage of the virus. They have introduced the following new measures:

**What to do if you have Symptoms**

Stay at home for 7 days if you have either:

- a high temperature
- a new continuous cough

This will help to protect others in your community while you are infectious.

Do not go to a GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital.

You do not need to contact NHS 111 to tell them you're staying at home.

We will not be testing those self-isolating with mild symptoms. For further information please read:

[COVID-19: stay at home guidance](#)

**Details:**

- If you have symptoms of coronavirus infection (COVID-19), however mild, stay at home and do not leave your house for 7 days from when your symptoms started. (See Ending Isolation section below for more information).
- This action will help protect others in your community whilst you are infectious.



- Plan ahead and ask others for help to ensure that you can successfully stay at home.
- Ask your employer, friends and family to help you to get the things you need to stay at home stay at least 2 metres (about 3 steps) away from other people in your home whenever possible.
- Sleep alone, if that is possible.
- Wash your hands regularly for 20 seconds, each time using soap and water.
- Stay away from vulnerable individuals such as the elderly and those with underlying health conditions as much as possible.
- You do not need to call NHS 111 to go into self-isolation. If your symptoms worsen during home isolation or are no better after 7 days, contact [NHS 111 online](#). If you have no internet access, you should call NHS 111. For a medical emergency dial 999.

The Government has advised we continue to follow their previous advice regarding hand washing.

This involves children, staff, volunteers and visitors being asked to wash their hands:

- before leaving home;
  - on arrival at school;
  - after using the toilet;
  - after breaks and sporting activities;
  - before food preparation;
  - before eating any food, including snacks;
  - before leaving school
- To use an alcohol-based hand sanitiser that contains at least 60% alcohol **if soap and water are not available**. A note will be sent to parents asking for permission for your child to use hand sanitisers;
  - To avoid touching eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands;
  - To avoid close contact with people who are unwell;
  - To clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

The official advice for dealing with a suspected case of Coronavirus is;

*If you are worried about your symptoms or those of a child or colleague, please call NHS 111.*

*Do not go directly to your GP or other healthcare environment.*

### Potential School Closures

We are taking all necessary steps to manage the situation and whilst there **are no current proposals to close schools**, the leaders of the school have implemented a plan of how the school can best support your children in the eventuality of school closures.

### If and when our school closes, the following plan will be implemented:

Packs of schoolwork are being prepared for each child containing worksheets, books and pencils;

Activities are being prepared and will be uploaded on the class pages on the school website. This will occur on a regular basis;

Other apps such as TT Rock Stars, Mathletics and Purple Mash;



Teachers will be available via their school emails during school hours (8.45am - 3.30pm). Please be aware that their ability to respond will be determined by their health.

We will of course keep you informed of any updates, especially in the lead up to the Easter holidays. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me about the plans we have put in place.

You will be aware that within our school community that there are those that are potentially more vulnerable than others. Your contribution in following the advice given is crucial.

Yours sincerely



James Pynn  
Headteacher

