

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Further to my letter last week there has been **no escalation or changes** in the case of the children who went skiing from the Ascot school or their friends and families. I have spoken to the school and they are open and functioning as normal. There are no cases of Coronavirus.

Likewise, we have **no** cases of Coronavirus and neither do we have anyone self isolating.

Information and Guidance relating to the virus is moving forward at a rapid rate and as a school we will no longer be dwelling on what has happened but instead we are working hard on the here and now and planning for the future.

Whilst I would very much like to answer all your individual questions and concerns relating to past events I feel my time and that of my staff really needs to be spent educating the children and focusing on keeping them, staff and visitors safe and as healthy as possible.

As a school we are constantly reviewing the guidance and considering our dynamic risk assessment. The main points for consideration and note are:

- Since half term we have continued to thoroughly clean all areas of the school, increasing the concentration of our disinfection by 20%
- We have employed additional cleaning staff
- We have checked with our cleaning contractor that **should we** have an outbreak they have the specialist cleaning materials, staff and equipment to do a deep clean
- We have done assemblies and specific teaching about hand washing and catching coughs and sneezes and disposing of tissues
- We have signage up and around the school to remind people and will share helpful advice with you. Do check our website for help and guidance too.

Please note that the best advice is to ensure that hands are washed thoroughly with soap and water. Soap is more effective than sanitizer. As a school we cannot allow the children to freely access sanitizer because the more effective sanitizer contains over 60% alcohol and so we would need to store it away from the children. This of course would defeat the object of the children being able to clean their hands regularly! We will however take some when we are out and about on trips as the adult with each group can administer it.

**How can you help? One practical thing you can do is to donate boxes tissues to us. We often ask if you can contribute to our stocks, but now, more than ever, we want to ensure a plentiful supply.**

Thank you for your help and support.

Yours sincerely

Headteacher

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