

Monday 16th March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

COVID – 19 Update 2 (16/3/20)

As I am sure you are aware, information and guidance relating to COVID - 19 is moving forward at a rapid rate and as a school we are continuing to follow the Government Guidance and we are planning for the future as far as possible.

As I write, based on the Government announcements from Thursday, there are **no plans for the school to close**. We have no confirmed cases or COVID – 19 in school, neither do we have anyone in school who has been in close contact with the virus or has travelled to any of the restricted areas and so we remain open.

We will be continuing with our planned activities and events at the moment and we will continue to educate the children in good standards of hygiene and will be ensuring that high standards of cleaning are maintained.

We will be undertaking our dynamic risk assessments at least daily and so please let us know immediately if your child develops any of the COVID – 19 symptoms which are:

- new continuous cough and/or
- high temperature

For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild infection.

Of course, we have also advised all our staff and professionals who work with us of the COVID – 19 symptoms and guidance and if they do develop any of them they will need to remain at home for 7 days – the latest advice given by Gov.UK.

Whilst the Government have said that schools are not to close, please be aware that if we have a large number of staff with symptoms remaining at home for 7 days, we may need to adapt our teaching arrangements, activities and class organisation. There is always the possibility of partial closures if we can not maintain the staff ratios or it is not safe for the children to be here. We will let you know as soon as possible if we need to do this and it will be in extreme cases.

We will continue to check the guidance from the government over the next few days and weeks. We are already putting into place plans for if we are directed to close and of course we will share these with you if this is to be the case.

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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