

Thursday 27th February 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to ensure that you have the correct information in relation to COVID – 19. I can assure you that to our knowledge, no child, sibling or adult in our school has been in an infected area or been in contact with an infected person.

You may have heard on social media that there was a family with an older sibling who was skiing in Italy but:

- They were not in the area of Italy that is in lock down/an area of containment
- They were quite some distance away from the area (a 2 ½ hour drive)
- They did not travel back from any airport in the area but in fact from Venice airport
- They left the area travelling back on Friday
- They do **not** show any symptoms of the virus
- Their school has not been closed and the students are attending school

The younger sibling is not currently in school, **although they are perfectly well**, the parent just wanted to exercise extra precaution.

As a school we are constantly updated with the latest guidance, which is available on the internet, and states for category 2 areas:

If they are currently well:

- they are advised to self-isolate **only** if they develop symptoms
- they can continue to attend work or education
- they **do not** need to avoid contact with other people
- their family do not need to take any precautions or make any changes to their own activities
- testing people with no symptoms for COVID-19 is currently not recommended
- it is useful to always take a mobile phone with them when they go out so that they can contact others if they do become unwell

As a school we carry out dynamic risk assessments frequently based on the information to hand and as further information becomes available. Having followed the guidelines and carried out reviews and risk assessments, we **do not** feel that there is risk to our children, staff or families. Of course, if there was then we would have followed the appropriate action and carried out recommendations and advice from Health England and Gov.UK.

Please be aware that different schools have different circumstances and that our family is not connected to the reasons for the closures and cleans at other local schools.

As a school we take hygiene seriously and have been talking to the children about coughing, sneezing and handwashing. We have asked our cleaners to undertake deeper cleans with higher concentrations of disinfectant.

If you have any further questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Headteacher

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