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### Coronavirus update

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to update you about the School's response to COVID-19 (Coronavirus) following the Government's confirmation that the United Kingdom is moving from **Containment** to **Delay**. I know that some of you are feeling anxious about the possible consequences of the virus both on your children's physical health and their education. It is really important that you access information only through reliable and credible sources. There is a lot of misinformation currently in circulation which is not helpful and is likely to fuel further uncertainty and anxiety. We do know that the spread and impact of the virus is changing rapidly. The School will continue to monitor the situation and to follow closely any changes to the Government's published plan. We will remain alert to healthcare information and advice from the World Health Organisation, Health and Safety Executive and Public Health England.

**The position continues to be for education and children's social care settings to remain open.** The School will adhere to this recommendation, unless advised otherwise or if circumstances change and for operational reasons we are unable to staff the school to the level required.

We are ready to put additional measures in place as required. Daily updates from the Department of Education provide advice for schools and we will implement any recommendations as they arise. Our hope and intention is that the School will remain open and that the impact on our pupils' learning and overall educational experience will be minimised. **Guidance announced yesterday by the Prime Minister on 'self isolation'**

Please find link below to the most pertinent piece of guidance published to date:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-homeguidance-for-people-with-confirmed-or-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

### **Who this guidance is for:**

This advice is intended for everyone with symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), including those with a diagnosis of coronavirus (COVID-19) infection, who must remain at home until they are well.

### **The guidance:**

Guidance is to self-isolate, ie. remain at home for a period of 7 days if a person has symptoms which have been defined below.

### **The Symptoms:**

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

- **New** continuous cough, and/or;



- High temperature (37.8 or above).

**In school:**

We have been carefully planning for this eventuality among others. Please be assured that we will be doing everything possible to keep the school open.

While we anticipate some staff being off school, we also anticipate that there will be fewer children. In managing this situation whilst the school remains open your children may be:

- Taught by different teachers
- In classes larger than our sizes
- Doing activities which are different to those they would normally be doing.

As this situation develops we will, of course, do everything possible to keep you updated and informed. Should the school (or all schools) have to close, we also have well developed contingency plans to ensure continuity of the children's education.

These involve preparing work for children to complete at home. As you will appreciate, this is not something that we have ever encountered before, so the preparation will take some time. Work would be available on school's Seesaw pages as soon as possible after closure.

**IMPORTANT - Keeping in touch with School.**

You must inform the school immediately through our normal absence reporting procedures:

- If you or your child has been to an affected area in a Category 1 or 2 country or;
- If you or your child has been advised or have self-selected to self-isolate or;
- If you believe that you may have been exposed to coronavirus (COVID-19)

**All other pupils should continue to attend school as usual.**

We will continue to keep you updated should circumstances change.

**The latest government information is available [here](#)**

If you have any particular concerns the DfE has also set up a special helpline which can be used by parents and which offers advice and guidance. The line is open from 8am to 6pm Monday to Friday.

Phone: 0800 046 8687

Email: [DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk](mailto:DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk)

Thank you for your continued support,

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