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Coronavirus – Latest Update

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Dear Parents / Carers,

As a school, we remain vigilant to all the advice we receive daily from Public Health England and the Local Authority regarding the spread of the Coronavirus in the UK.

There is an increased cleaning regime across our school, ensuring door handles and surfaces are regularly cleaned with anti-bacterial materials. We are continuing to encourage regular hand washing with soap, especially before leaving home, on arrival at school, after breaks and sport activities, before eating and after using the toilet. Soap is topped up regularly throughout the day. I would encourage you to speak to your child about the importance of this routine.

At present, there are no confirmed cases in the immediate locality. However, I am acutely aware that the spread of this virus is unpredictable in nature so decisions may be made by Public Health England which have to be made quickly to reflect the situation locally and nationally.

At present, we are in contact with providers of services and I believe that there are sufficient measures in place with all providers. However, again, I must stress that provision of services could change at very short notice.

I want to reassure our learners that at school, the routine of the day will remain as normal as possible, and I would ask you to support the school with this. If your child has any of the symptoms described in the link <u>https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/</u>, particularly a raised temperature and/or a dry cough or a shortness of breath, or have had contact with anyone who has recently travelled to the UK from a country shown on <u>https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/advice-for-travellers/</u>, you need to take advice via 111 before sending your child to school. NHS advice at present states that you should not go to a GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital but call 111 if you need to speak to someone about Coronavirus concerns.

As a school, we are addressing these difficult times with actions that are informed and proportionate so that we continue to serve our children, families, staff and the wider community in the best possible way. I will keep you informed as soon as reasonably possible with any updates which affects the school. Finally, I would ask you to keep in your prayers all affected by illness at this time.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Mellor Headteacher



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