



Thursday 12th March, 2020.

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re. Covid-19 / Coronavirus

As the Government moves the country into the 'delay' phase of their Coronavirus action plan you will probably be aware that there is now a possibility of school closures. Therefore, I felt it prudent to give you advance warning about what we have planned if this happens.

In the event of a school closure, there are 2 parts to our plan to facilitate home learning.

Firstly, I have asked the staff to put together a 'Home Learning' grid much like our homework grids but with an increased number of tasks. The grids will have project-based tasks on it to ensure the children continue to cover the necessary aspects of the curriculum.

Secondly, we will utilise the learning platform, 'Purple Mash' which the children already regularly use. Purple Mash offers access to versatile online learning tools, games and activities. This system will allow teaching staff to set relevant tasks for the children to complete online. In the meantime, we will ensure that we send out the children's log in details again to ensure you have them to hand.

For now, the school will remain open unless we have a confirmed case of COVID-19. We have also been advised that any children or adults with flu-like symptoms (*i.e. a fever above 37.8C or a persistent cough*) should self-isolate (stay at home & away from other people) for 7 days.

Please inform us immediately if your child presents with these symptoms or if they have been in direct contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19 so we can take the necessary measures.

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In school we are continuing to ensure increased handwashing throughout the day, particularly when the children arrive at school. We will also begin cleaning all door handles and desks midway through the school day as an added precaution.

The staff have been provided with resources to support the children's understanding about how to stop germs spreading which include hand washing and respiratory hygiene. We have also been supporting our children with their hand washing technique. Below is a link to a song suggested by Public Health England to help the children to remember the routine;

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S9VjeIWLnEg>

I have also included the NHS poster below for your information.

Thank you in anticipation of your cooperation and support.

Yours sincerely,



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HAND CLEANING TECHNIQUES

How to handwash?

WITH SOAP AND WATER



Wet hands with water



Apply enough soap to cover all hand surfaces



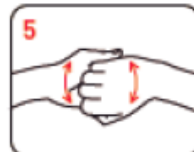
Rub hands palm to palm



Rub back of each hand with the palm of other hand with fingers interlaced



Rub palm to palm with fingers interlaced



Rub with backs of fingers to opposing palms with fingers interlaced



Rub each thumb clasped in opposite hand using rotational movement



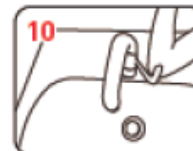
Rub tips of fingers in opposite palm in a circular motion



Rub each wrist with opposite hand



Rinse hands with water



Use elbow to turn off tap



Dry thoroughly with a single-use towel



Your hands are now safe

40-60 sec