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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to update you on the school's position in response to the Coronavirus and the actions school is currently taking to prevent and delay the spread of the virus. We continue to follow advice from Public Health England and the Department for Education.

The school is following increased hygiene procedures, sharing the importance of good hygiene with children and insisting on additional handwashing on arrival at school, before/after playtime, before/after lunchtime, after using the toilet. We are promoting the use of tissues and the 'catch it, bin it, kill it approach'. All classes have been issued with additional tissues and hand sanitiser for the children to use. We are also carrying out additional cleaning of door handles and rails and other surfaces.

We are trying to minimise the number of additional adults coming into the school and so kindly request that parents do not come into the building unless it is absolutely necessary to do so. As a result of this, Celebration Assemblies from this Friday will only involve children and staff. Should you have to come in please use the hand sanitiser by the sign in book in the office before entering the school.

- When your child is ill with sickness, diarrhoea or generally unwell they should stay at home for 48 hours after the symptoms have stopped.
- When your child has any of the coronavirus symptoms; a continuous dry cough, or a high temperature of 37.8° they should now self-isolate and stay at home for 7 days. You should only, however, keep children home when they have these symptoms.
- As usual, please contact school to inform us when your child is absent.

It is essential that you do inform school when your child or a member of the family has been in contact with someone who has the virus or has recently visited a 'category 1' area which is a hotspot for the virus.

School Closure – Home Learning for Children

In the next few weeks, school may be asked to close due to the effects of the coronavirus. This will be an enforced closure of the school and **NOT** a holiday. If and when this happens, we will provide home learning for the children. It is important that we minimise the effect on the children's education, so by completing these tasks on a daily basis, they will continue to access learning during any period of enforced isolation.

When this happens:

- Your child will be given an envelope containing an exercise book and a pencil.
- Each day, your child should read, practise number skills, phonics or spellings. This will keep them in the routine of learning. Children in Class 1 should practise counting and number bonds to 10 and 20. Children in Class 2 should practise their number bonds and 2x, 5x and 10x tables. Children in Classes 3 and 4 should practise all of the times tables up to 12 x 12.
- School cannot send home a large supply of reading books so children should read books, magazines and comics that they enjoy at home.
- Spellings can be found in their orange home learning book.
- There will also be work prepared by the class teacher for them to complete during the day as well as links to useful websites. This work will be available on their class page on the school website. The exercise book is to be used for children to complete their work in. Please look for the document on your child's class page, entitled SCHOOL CLOSURE ACTIVITIES - open it and follow the links.

At school we often use the website TWINKL for resources and activities. During school closures, TWINKL are offering a month of free access to all parents and teachers. This is a great resource for extra ideas and activities to keep the children occupied. To access this go to www.twinkl.co.uk/offer and enter the code: UKTWINKLHELPS. Teachers may use this as a resource to set work during any closures.

We will of course continue to keep you informed of any further developments.

Advice relating to the virus is constantly changing and in response to this our actions may have to change. We will keep you updated with this as they happen. Currently, all school activities will continue as normal unless you are notified otherwise.

Your on-going support is much appreciated.



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