

Dear Parents and Carers,

Update on Coronavirus (COVID-19) precautions in school

I am writing to update you on the current situation regarding the Coronavirus as it applies to us here at school.

As outlined in last week's newsletter, we are taking measures in school to help prevent the spread of the virus and we continue to follow Public Health England advice and receive regular updates from the Department for Education.

We are following the same advice that has been given to the wider public and we are reliant on you adhering to that advice. The advice to the general public is of course changing on a daily basis and I would be grateful if you would keep watching the national news and refer to the Public Health England and Government websites.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/coronavirus-covid-19-uk-government-response>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/public-health-england>

You can also contact the coronavirus helpline:

- Tel 08000468687
- Email DfE coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk

The school is considering its response in the event of any future government instruction to instigate a partial or whole school closure and, if this does happen, we will follow all advice from the government and the Local Authority.

We are preparing activity plans for each year group and will be talking to the older children about accessing potential on-line learning in the event of a closure. Information about potential available resources for parents will also be distributed in the event of a closure

In the meantime, we are beginning to have to use different members of staff to the usual class teachers and may have to mix classes in order to keep school open as staff begin to need to self-isolate in light of the latest government guidelines announced yesterday with regard to whole-family isolation in the case of one member of the family developing a high temperature or new, continuous cough.

In addition to reminding the children of the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach to coughs and sneezes, we are also reinforcing the importance of handwashing by encouraging pupils, staff and visitors to wash their hands:

- Before leaving home
- On arrival at school
- After using the toilet
- After breaks and sporting activities
- Before food preparation
- Before eating any food, including snacks
- Before leaving school

I will of course keep in contact with you as the situation develops and once again thank you for your support in what is a difficult time for all of us.

K Vardy

Headteacher