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Dear Parents,

Covid 19 – Coronavirus

We are continuing to monitor the effects that Covid 19 is having in our local area and have risk assessed our practices and procedures to help prevent the spread of this virus. We receive daily updates from Gloucestershire County Council, Department for Education and Public Health England.

Useful sources for further information can be found at:

Department for Education Coronavirus helpline, Phone: 0800 046 8687, Email:

DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk Opening hours: 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday)

NHS website: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

PHE Public Info <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public>

We are making a few changes to our practices and procedures in school.

- The children are being reminded of the need for good hygiene through the use of the Catch it, Bin it, Kill it, slogan, and handwashing / sanitising is carried out more frequently during the school day.
- If your child does not have a water bottle in school please provide one if possible. We will start to use single use disposable cups as from Monday 16th March for all children without a water bottle.
- We ask parents to ensure that the contact details we hold for them are up to date and they keep a check on our twitter feed, website and newsletters.
- Where children have been absent from school for the usual vomiting and diarrhoea type bugs we ask you to keep children at home for at least 48 hours after the last episode, but please keep us informed.
- Where children are displaying symptoms of any illness we will ask you to collect them from school.
- We are discouraging non-essential visitors from coming into the school building.
As from Monday 16th March we ask that where parents use the front main entrance to the school that they drop children off here, they will be met by a member of staff and directed to their classrooms. Again at pick up time we ask that parents who use the front main entrance to the school to wait outside and a staff member will bring your child to you. Parents will not be allowed to walk through the school foyer. If you feel that your child will find this difficult we ask you to enter the school through Oak Way and into the rear playground. – Thank you
Pre-School children – parents are requested to drop and collect children at the main entrance doors. This will be reviewed on a case by case basis – Thank you
- Stay and Play sessions will be cancelled for the time being, we will review this after the Easter Holiday.

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- We ask both staff and parents to keep us informed if a family member has been travelling to a high risk area in the last 14 days.
- We ask both staff and families to consider attendance at and notify the school about any attendance at any mass gatherings. ie football matches or concerts etc.

The DFE says that:

If anyone has been in contact with a suspected case in a childcare or educational setting, no restrictions or special control measures are required while laboratory test results for COVID-19 are awaited. There is no need to close the setting or send other learners or staff home. As a precautionary measure, the NHS are currently testing a very large number of people who have travelled back from affected countries, the vast majority of whom test negative. Therefore, until the outcome of test results is known there is no action that staff members need to take apart from cleaning specific areas and disposing of waste.

Once the results arrive, those who test negative for COVID-19 will be advised individually about returning to education.

Thank you for helping us to take control of this situation, the symptoms of Covid 19 are a cough, high temperature and shortness of breath. If you feel that you or a family member have any of these symptoms please contact NHS direct on 111 and keep the school informed.

We intend to carry on with all normal school activities at present and will advise you if we need to cancel any activities through email, text, twitter or letter on the school website.

Kind regards

Hayley McGoldrick
Head Teacher