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Coronavirus update

Dear Parents and Carers

As a school during these uncertain times, we are trying to be as open as possible with parents/ carers and I am sure you will work closely with us to help and support the community. Firstly, if you have any questions please just ask! We will do our best to answer with the most recent updates we have been given.

At the moment school is 'business as usual' although this could change very quickly and we will keep you updated as new guidelines are issued and we make any changes. To protect the vulnerable members of our school community the decision has been made to postpone Mother's Day lunch, we will look to plan a 'parent's lunch' near to Father Day.

Staff have worked on 'remote learning' plans and these will be shared in more detail if we need to shut the school. It would be useful if you could let us know by phoning the school office, if you have no internet access at home for your child to learn through. Plans we have in place will be based around 'Purple Mash' and your child will be having a refresher lesson this week on how to access work from home should the need arise. It is a password-protected site that requires a computer, laptop or tablet, and your child will be able to share their personal login with you. Work will be set through Purple Mash, alongside topic-based challenges for the children to complete. Purple Mash also allows the children to contact their class teacher for support around their learning as well as for a general catch-up. If remote learning does need to come into effect there will be a certain degree of ownership placed on parents to help support their child's learning at home. Staff will be available through emails to help answer any questions. Children in Early Years and children that have no internet access at home will be given paper based activities, when / if the information is shared that we must close.



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To help you make an informed decision to keep yourselves and your families' safe, whilst school remains open, we will share the number of families that have informed us they are self-isolating and the number of confirmed cases in school. This information will be sent via a text message on a daily basis. We appreciate some individuals are more vulnerable than others and we hope this information will help you decide the best course of action for your family.

We are encouraging all children to come to school that are not presenting a temperature or a new dry persistent cough. Current guidelines are if a family member is self-isolating in the same house as a child and the child is not presenting any symptoms then the child should attend school. Again, this may change and we will keep you updated. If you are struggling to get your child to school because parents are self-isolating please ring for a chat, we will support if we can.

The number one task the government is asking us to do is **wash our hands**. All children, staff, parents and visitors to school are asked to wash their hands as they arrive in school and regularly throughout the day. We will continue to do this for the foreseeable future.

Thank you for your continued support and if you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Sincerely

Jillian Baker
Headteacher