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Coronavirus update

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for working with us this morning and saying good bye to your children outside the school building. We appreciate this is difficult for some parents but I can assure you the very few children that were upset were all smiles less than 2 minutes after you left them. If you do leave your child upset in school you are more than welcome to ring and check on them at any point during the school day.

So far today we have sent home 5 children with a new cough - PLEASE PLEASE do not send your child to school if they have a new persistent cough or a temperature. We must ALL consider the vulnerable children and adults that are part of our school community and the more children that staff come into contact with that have symptoms the quicker school will have to close.

Not 'Business as usual'

Year 2 SATS parent information night has been postponed - an information leaflet will be given to your child this evening. If your child is not in school it will be placed in the draw until they return.

School disco - postponed, this will enable the staff we do still have in school to focus on the day-to-day running and teaching of the children.

Parent's Evening - postponed due to limiting contact between people. We will send home your child's Assertive Mentoring overview and open up lines of communication with your child's class teacher so you can ask any questions or share any concerns. More information to follow.



INVESTOR IN PEOPLE

Year3/4 Easter service to parents - cancelled. To limit the number of people in school.

Before and After school clubs - at the moment if your child's club is run by an outside provider they will continue. If they are run by a member of school staff on a voluntary basis they will stop immediately. This is to allow the staff we have in school to focus on the main school day and educating the children. A text message will inform you if your child's club is still running.

Assemblies- Whole school assemblies are not taking place, instead children will have assemblies within their class.

Lunchtime - only half the table and chairs will be put out in the hall to decrease the number of children we have in one space, pack ups will be asked to eat in classrooms whilst hot dinners remain in the hall.

I understand that cancelling and postponing events is frustrating for families but in this unprecedented time we can only do what we think is best. It is my aim to prioritise the teaching of the children both those that are in school and those that are in self-isolation. Due to falling staff numbers and increased workloads to allow both sets of children (those at school and those in self-isolation) to be educated, certain events need to be altered or cancelled.

Working at home / Remote Learning - If your child needs to self-isolate and are well enough to work, we will send them work to do. Teachers have been asked to get work ready for children and this will be mainly based around Purple Mash, an internet based learning platform, if your child has their logon they can start Purple Mash and TT rock stars as soon as they are ready (years 2 to 6). For those children whose parents have informed us that do not have access to Purple Mash at home and are already in self isolation work will be delivered to your home and popped through your letterbox. For children that are in school with no access to Purple Mash or are in EYFS work will be given to them to be stored at home until needed. If you need advice on the work that arrives, please feel free to email your class teacher. Details of remote learning and teacher's contact details will be with you over the next few days please bear with us we are very busy in school trying to educate the children we have on site and prepare work for those at home.

Vulnerable Children - The Government have now given guidance that I believe they will implement very soon. Please read the information within the link below. If any of these is relevant to your child in our school, please contact school.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-social-distancing-and-for-vulnerable-people/guidance-on-social-distancing-for-everyone-in-the-uk-and-protecting-older-people-and-vulnerable-adults>

We are fully supporting any parent that wishes to self-isolate their child. The safety of our pupils will always come first.

Department for Education Coronavirus helpline

On Monday the DfE launched a new helpline to answer questions about COVID-19 related to education. Staff, parents and young people can contact the helpline as follows:

Phone: 0800 046 8687 Opening hours: 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday)

If you have, any questions or concerns or you think we have missed something, please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Yours Sincerely

Jillian Baker

Headteacher