Monday 23 March 2020



# COVID19

Dear Parents & Carers,

I hope this letter finds you all safe and well.

I am so relieved to know that well over 80% (150) of our pupils are safe at home with their parents & carers, the government guidance is very clear, if you are able to keep your child at home, whether you are a key worker or not, then that is what you should do.

These are such worrying and uncertain times; I'd like to try and address some of those worries by sharing some information with you below.

## Health & safety precautions in school:

All staff and pupils will have their temperature checked on arrival into school each day.

All staff and pupils will adhere to strict handwashing routines, washing hands on arrival to school before entering class, before and after eating & drinking, after using the bathroom, after returning from playtime and after each activity.

Please only send in your child's essentials items e.g. coat & lunch bag.

Any staff or pupil showing COVID 19 symptoms will be isolated until they can leave or be collected.

Any staff or pupil showing symptoms of any illness or ailment e.g. feeling /being sick, diarrhoea will need to leave / be collected ASAP.

All staff have been issued with additional cleaning materials and responsibility for sanitising their class / office / base.

## Social Distancing in school:

Leadership Team meetings / staff briefings will take place in the hall – with staff spread-out in line with recommended distances.

Lunchtimes – pupils will eat in their classes

No assemblies - this will be done via video link.

Playtimes – pupils will go out in their classes, rather than all out together.

## Parents/Carers who are key workers:

I will do my very best to ensure that I can continue to keep school open and care for your children, to enable you to do your bit to keep public services going during the crisis.



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#### Parents and Carers who are unable to keep their children at home:

I will do my very best to ensure I can continue to care for your children at school, and at the moment I can, however if staffing numbers drop I will have to prioritise the children of key workers, and as a result I may no longer be able to offer your child a place at school.

#### Parents and carers who have the children at home with them:

A text message will be coming out soon, with further information. There is a dedicated Learning from Home page on the school website. Your child's class teacher will be making a weekly phone call home and there will be weekly personalised learning videos shared via Evidence for Learning.

#### Parents & Carers of children who are entitled to Free School Meals:

A letter from the Local Authority will be sent home tomorrow, each pupil will be receiving a weekly food parcel. School will be in touch to arrange collection / drop off.

Thank you all so much for your continued support and understanding as we work together to overcome the many challenges.

Kindest regards,

Keep Safe.

Mr Welsh



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