

16 March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I thought it was appropriate to update you on what we are doing in school to safeguard your child in relation to the Coronavirus outbreak.

Firstly, we are following government advice closely. We receive a government update every single day and respond to their advice. Anyone with a fever or persistent cough is advised to stay at home according to Public Health England advice.

Secondly, I need to ask all parents to do a number of things:

1. We need to maintain normality as far as possible for as long as possible for our children so please continue to send your children to school unless we advise differently.
2. Please follow strict hygiene habits at home of handwashing regularly with soap and hot water for at least 20 seconds.
3. Teach your child how to cough, sneeze and blow their nose into a tissue.
4. If your child has even a moderate temperature, sore throat or cough please phone 111 for advice. You should keep your child at home and self-isolate as a whole family for 7 days if any member of the family is unwell with a cough, sore throat and high fever.

Thirdly, I wanted you to know what different precautionary actions we have taken to keep infection free as far as we are able. As of today:

1. Children are washing their hands as they enter class in the morning, at break and at lunchtimes.
2. All door handles, screens and surfaces are being cleaned at regular intervals throughout the day.
3. Whole school assemblies have been cancelled so there will be no Class worship on Wednesdays till further notice and no star of the week invitation to parents. We will still award the star of the week, but in class.
4. Mothers' Day and Parents evening are cancelled. If you would like to talk your child's class teacher about any concerns you have then please ring up and have a telephone appointment with them.
5. The PTA Easter and bingo activities are also both cancelled.
6. Please talk to children about staying safe and being healthy and personal hygiene.
7. Children are to be dropped off at the back door and parents asked not to come in to minimise the number of people in the building. Reception children will be met at the Reception outdoor gate by a member of staff.

This is a worrying time for everyone, as it is unprecedented in our lifetime. We must do our best to protect ourselves and our communities. Trying to keep things as normal as possible for as long as possible whilst taking sensible precautions is the very best we can do. We will of course keep you in our prayers and keep you fully informed as events change.

If you have queries or questions please contact school.

Yours sincerely

Mrs N Holt