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Coronavirus (COVID-19) - UPDATE

Dear Parent/Carer,

The physical health and wellbeing of our school community is our priority. We are continually monitoring the situation both locally and nationally and will act swiftly on any advice/instruction given by central government. Having given careful consideration to the current situation, there are a number of appropriate and proportionate measures we can put in place to help protect ourselves at this time.

Measures we will put in place with effect of Friday 13th March 2020:

- Extend the time children are allocated for handwashing, particularly on arrival at school, after breaks and before lunch to ensure they all thoroughly follow the procedure we have discussed with them. We will also continue to remind children daily about personal hygiene.
- We will assess all trips and visits on an individual basis by looking at all of the factors involved. Plans may have to change at short notice in some cases.
- Reduce the amount of large gatherings of students in indoor spaces (e.g. assembly).
- Reduce the amount of visitors to the school. This includes postponing our Parent & Toddler session on Tuesday mornings.
- Hand sanitizing will be made available to all staff and visitors in the reception areas of the school. We will also ensure that visitors are aware of the public health situation.

Parents' Evening – 16th & 17th March

- We plan to hold the Parents' Evenings as scheduled but would like to offer parents the option of a telephone appointment as an alternative. We will send home reports on Friday to give you an oversight of their progress and attainment. Following this you can either attend as planned, cancel or request a telephone appointment.

Bassenfell Parent Meeting – 12th March

- This will still take place – Please enter via the main KS2 Reception and use the hand sanitizer on your way in.

We will continue to monitor the situation very closely and will follow any advice from Public Health England and the Department for Education. Information can be found at the website shown below:



<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19>

The most important advice is to limit the spread of the virus. I will stress that, at this moment in time, **we are not aware of any cases associated with the school** but we can put these very simple measures in place to help the situation.

If your child/ren are experiencing symptoms, please keep them off school and contact NHS 111 for advice. Please also then inform school of what action you have been advised to take.

I will keep you updated with any further changes as we move forwards over the coming days and weeks.

Yours sincerely



Mr C J Steele
Headteacher

