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### **Coronavirus latest information**

Dear Parents/Carers

It is our intention to update you with the most relevant information as often as we can as the advice is changing sometimes hourly. **We still have no confirmed cases in our school setting** although we do have some families and staff members who are sensibly following the advice to self-isolate. The governing body, senior leaders and the staff team are working together to ensure that we continue to maintain the smooth running of the school in difficult and exceptional circumstances. We are following Government directives and advice and have drawn up a continuity plan in the event of increased staff absence. We are working closely with our family of schools to offer each other support and share resources where we can. These are the questions that we are being mostly asked by our school community and the answers will show the measures we are taking to keep our school community safe.

#### **Frequently Asked Questions about the Coronavirus**

##### **Are the children being encouraged to wash their hands?**

Yes the staff team are ensuring all children are washing hands at the start and end of the day, at break times and lunchtime and at other suitable times. They are being supervised to ensure effective techniques are being used which have been taught in class and assemblies.

##### **Are we allowing people other than our school community into school?**

We are wherever possible using technology to hold 'virtual meetings' and all non-essential visitors are being asked to stay away currently. The few visitors who provide services in school are fully aware of our handwashing procedures and are being asked to self-isolate if they present with symptoms and not come into the building. Yr 3, 4 and 5 Parents' evening will not be held as a face to face meeting – we will communicate the information with you by either phone or written methods.

##### **Will we be carrying out visits, sporting events, swimming lessons, after school clubs?**

We are reviewing these daily – visits and sporting fixtures are cancelled until further notice and we are taking advice as to whether after school clubs and Yr 5 swimming can continue and we will notify you shortly.

##### **What do I do if I or someone in my house has symptoms of a new persistent cough/and or a temperature?**

The whole of the household must self-isolate for 14 days and stay away from school.

##### **I have a person in the household with a serious medical condition should we self-isolate?**

Please follow medical advice and Government guidelines if you feel that self-isolation is the best action for your family then contact us to let us know.

##### **What happens if a child or staff member is taking ill at school with symptoms?**

The child will be discreetly isolated, the staff member will be sent home and a thorough clean of the area will be undertaken immediately.

##### **What if the school is closed – how will the children access learning?**

We hope that we can remain open but we are currently preparing home learning activities in the event of a closure. The main source of learning will be through electronic means so could we ask you to contact the office to let us know if you DO NOT have access to the internet at home.

We are monitoring the situation closely and will update you as often as we can.

Thank you for your co-operation in following the Government advice to help us keep everyone safe and for your patience at what is a very unusual and difficult time for us all.

Alison Brown

Useful Link

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>