



12th March 2020

Dear Parents

In a follow up to our school letter yesterday, we would like to reassure you that we have been talking to the Public Health Agency and the Education Authority regarding the ongoing coronavirus (Covid-19) issue this morning. They have advised us that our school should remain open until further notice and we continue as normal. We have undertaken additional cleaning and intend for the school to be cleaned further before the children are scheduled to return on Wednesday 18th after the long weekend. This will mean that school will close on Friday 13th at 1pm instead of 2pm and there will be no After School Club. Children may be collected from 12:40pm onwards.

We are sending home some work tomorrow that you can keep to one side for use if we have to close. A list of educational websites will be added to our school site as well. These can be used to maintain your children's progress and ensure that they are ready for returning to school. As always we encourage you to read daily with your children and this will now be more important than ever. Please ensure you are signed up to Seesaw as we may use that too. Any work sent home should be kept at home and not returned to school, to restrict the chances of any infections being spread.

Please remember to practise good hygiene and I have included the information that was in yesterday's note as well.

- Washing your hands often – with soap and water, or use alcohol sanitiser if handwashing facilities are not available. Very important after using public transport.
- Covering your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throwing the tissue in a bin and washing hands. Do not share tissues.
- All children, pupils, staff and visitors should wash their hands
 - ✓ Before leaving home
 - ✓ On arrival at school
 - ✓ After using the toilet
 - ✓ After breaks and sporting activities
 - ✓ Before food preparation
 - ✓ Before eating any food, including snacks
 - ✓ Before leaving school
 - ✓ Use an alcohol-based sanitiser that contains at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available
 - ✓ Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands
 - ✓ Avoid close contact with people who are unwell
 - ✓ Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces
 - ✓ If you are worried about your symptoms or those of a child or colleague, call NHS 111. Do not go directly to your GP or other healthcare environment
- People who feel unwell should stay at home and should not attend work or any education setting.

Remember to ensure all of your children are using tissues when necessary and are able to independently wipe their noses and wash their hands properly.



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