



Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to update you about the steps that we are taking to try to minimise the impact of Coronavirus on our school and the wider community. Whilst we do not want to be alarmist, we are concerned for wellbeing of everyone in our community - our children, parents, grandparents, staff and visitors as well as all those that these people may come into contact with. We are receiving daily updates from the Department for Education and are taking advice from the local Public Health Team.

Our usual advice when children may be in little 'off colour' is to bring them to school and 'see how they go'. However we now ask that if your child is showing any symptoms at all (raised temperature/fever, cough) they stay at home for the requisite seven days, to avoid spreading infection to others. Please phone school to let us know should you or your child be in self isolation, so that registers can be appropriately coded. Please also reinforce with your child the importance of frequent hand washing for at least 20 seconds.

Along with increased cleaning and more frequent hand washing, we are also reviewing all of our activities. Whilst the current advice is for schools to remain open, this is dependent upon there being sufficient staff available to supervise the children and ensure their safety. Therefore it might be prudent for parents and carers to make contingency plans should we need to close the school if the advice from Public Health England change or a local decision necessitates a partial or full closure.

Where parents or carers need to communicate with staff in school, we ask that wherever possible, this be done by email or phone.

In the short term we wish to advise you of the following postponements:

- The Parents Reading workshops planned for KS2 Tuesday 17th March and Year 2 Thursday 19th March
- Year 2 choir's participation in the Key Stage One music festival Tuesday 17th March
- The Year 6 parents meeting on Tuesday 24th March
- The Year 3's concert on Wednesday 25th March
- Parent coffee morning / school nurse drop in on Friday 27th March
- HSA chocolate bingo Friday 20th March

We currently do not know when it will be possible to rearrange these events.

Thank you for your understanding during these unprecedented times.

Should there be any further guidance for schools, we will of course communicate these with you as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,
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