

Dear Parents/Carers,

I'm sure you are all monitoring the news regarding the coronavirus. As a school we are in regular contact with the Local Authority and the DFE to ensure we have the latest advice. We have been reminding all the children on the importance of general hygiene and in particular washing hands.

Now that we have entered the **Delay Stage**, we are being extra-vigilant with our procedures.

**Please ensure that your child has washed their hands before they come to school. We are monitoring regular handwashing through the day.**

**Do not send your child to school if they are feeling unwell.**

All users of the building are asked to follow the following guidance:

## Do

- ✓ Wash your hands on entering the building
- ✓ wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
- ✓ always wash your hands when you get home or into work
- ✓ use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- ✓ cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- ✓ put used tissues in the bin straight away and wash your hands afterwards
- ✓ try to avoid close contact with people who are unwell



## Don't

- ✗ do not touch your eyes, nose or mouth if your hands are not clean
- ✗ do not enter the school if you are feeling unwell

If you think you might have coronavirus, have been to a country or area with a high risk of coronavirus in the last 14 days or you've been in close contact with someone with coronavirus, you should go on the website for NHS 111.

The information from the Local Authority is that schools should have contingency plans for two possible scenarios:

- School closure due to government directive or a localised outbreak
- Absence of key staff (first aiders) either through illness or self-isolation and/or disruption to school services (e.g. school meals, cleaning arrangements).

In the event of schools being asked to close, we are considering how we might attempt to mitigate the negative impact of a school closure on learning and provide support to parents/carers. We are considering providing the following:

- Topic/project work
- Using on online learning resources already purchased by schools
- Uploading tasks to the school website.

The advice is that if anyone has a temperature or new/persistent cough then they should stay off for 7 days.

We will keep you up to date as and when events change.

Kind regards

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