

Believe Care Persevere Succeed



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Dear Parents/Carers,

Coronavirus Update

You will have seen the latest information and advice from Public Health England explaining that the UK has moved from the containment to the delay phase of the Government's action plan. The announcements yesterday evening made clear that even though coronavirus infection rates are rising with commitment from us all, we hope to make positive differences to delaying the spread of the virus and protecting each other and ourselves.

We recognize that the situation around the world is likely to cause worry and there are some important changes that we need to reinforce.

Anyone with a new, continuous cough or a fever should self-isolate (stay at home) for 7 days. Please ensure that you respond accordingly if your child displays either of these symptoms, however mild, and do not send them in to school. We will be as vigilant as possible about checking for symptoms during the schools day and will contact parents/carers should any child need to go home. It is therefore important that up to date contact information is held in the office. If you have recently changed any of your contact details, and have not let us know, please do so as a priority.

Please use the link below to the NHS website and the Public Health England website to familiarize yourself with the latest information:-

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

As you know, we have been following national advice for some weeks now. The children have played their part too by undertaking effective hand washing and the cleaning team have been carrying out enhanced infection control measures.

We all need to work together as a school community to look after each other as well as ourselves.

There are likely to be daily changes to the advice we receive which require us to respond quickly. We will keep you updated so please ensure you look out for any information we send you and work with us to do our best to act responsibly. I am sure you understand and agree that the safety of everyone in our school community and beyond is our priority.

There are some immediate actions that we are going to implement from next week. We are, in the first instance taking steps to reduce the number of people entering our building on a daily basis.

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From the morning of Monday 16th March, unless it is necessary, please drop your child at the doors to the building rather than accompanying them inside when you drop them off in the mornings. Staff will be available to meet and greet the children. We recognise that this is a change and we will support the children and parents/carers to manage this change in routine. Over the course of the week, the children will quickly adjust to this arrangement so that by Friday, the need for adults to enter the building with their child will be greatly reduced.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs A L Armstrong
Headteacher