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Coronavirus (Covid-19) Update

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are sure you are aware that the Government made the announcement yesterday afternoon about moving from the 'Containment' phase into the 'Delay' phase of their plan to manage the Coronavirus (Covid-19). As a Leadership Team, we would like to reassure you that we have no intention of closing the school before the Easter holidays, unless the current government advice changes. However, as the information/advice is changing, sometimes on a daily basis, we feel that it is important that we are fully prepared in case the Government make the decision to close schools before, during or after the Easter break.

In light of this unprecedented global event, have reviewed our Business Continuity Plan to identify what will happen in the event of full closure or partial closures/class merges due to absences linked to the Coronavirus. We have sent a copy of this out to you via School PING and a copy can also be found on our school website. It is very important that you have access to School PING; we advise that you download the app so that you have instant access to any communications; if you have still not done this, please contact the school office as soon as possible.

Due to this uncertainty surrounding potential school closure, in order to be fully prepared, we will be issuing all children with a workbook, pencil and pencil sharpener to bring home with them. We ask that these are stored at home in a safe place so that you have them ready in case the decision is made to close over a weekend/over Easter. Should the decision for closure NOT be made, we ask that you return these items to school UNUSED after the Easter holidays, as we have taken these from our yearly stock of books/stationary and we will need them for use in school – thank you for your support with this.

In addition to this, staff have been working hard to build learning resource areas on our school website so that learning can continue at home in the event of school closure; this is in addition to the online learning tools that we also use; Purple Mash, SumDog Maths & Spelling and TTRockstars, Evidence Me (EYFS only). In the event that a school closure is announced, we will activate these pages on the school website and issue further guidance around home learning.

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In school, we are continuing to promote good hygiene practices across the school day, ensuring children have regular opportunities to wash their hands and use hand sanitiser. We have lots of this available in school but you are welcome to send your child in with their own sanitiser if you wish; for their own personal use. Our support staff, Mr Burgess, Mrs Swift and Mrs McKean, are doing an excellent job and working extra hard to ensure that all areas of the school are deep cleaned at the end of each school day to ensure high levels of cleanliness throughout the school building.

In-line with yesterday's new Government guidance, we are asking for your support to ensure that we are all doing as much as we can to slow the spread of potential infection. Because of this, we ask that you DO NOT send your child into school with a high temperature and/or a new cough. If your child develops any of these symptoms while they are in school, we will contact you to request that someone collects your child as soon as possible. Any child who develops any of these symptoms should stay off school for 7 days.

As previously mentioned, the situation with Coronavirus (Covid-19) is changing on a daily basis and will continue to do so over the coming weeks. We will keep you updated with any changes/advice that we receive from Public Health England and will post links/useful guidance on our school website for you to access.

Thank you for your continued support,

Sue Dymond & Jackie Neal
Headteacher & Chair of Governors

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