

12th March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am sure you have been keeping up with the many and varied messages coming from central government, and via social media, about COVID-19.



Overall I feel that, as we enter this 'delay' phase, it's a bit like when they put the big red cross over lanes in the motorway. If they switch those on too far ahead of the actual hazard lots of people comply to begin with, and then give up because they think it must be a mistake – moving back into the lane just when the hazard is close.

It looks highly likely that each of us individually is now entering a period where we will be called on to show high levels of social-responsibility – and comply with all the advice from Public Health England – and that this will be for an extended period of time. It is better for us to keep going as close to normal as possible for as long as possible. **None of us, in any environment, can remove the risk of catching the virus entirely.** All we can do is follow advice to take steps to reduce the risk.

How are we doing our bit in school?

- We have LOTS of soap, and we are all washing our hands a LOT
- We are keeping our entrance areas sanitised
- We are putting plans in place for keeping learning going if the school needs to close. This includes setting up all children from year 2 – year 6 with logins for **google classroom** by the end of this week. We will send separate messages out about this when the time is right
- We are keeping going as close to normal as we possibly can for as long as we possibly can until told to do otherwise

How can you do your bit to help?

- Trust us to be doing everything we can in school
- Follow advice from Public Health England – and make use of the DfE help lines for parents if you are unsure or would like advice

Phone: 0800 046 8687

Email: DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk

Opening hours: 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday)

- Double check that you can access: Class Dojo; Mathletics; Google Classroom (instructions to follow)

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We need to support each other through this difficult time and trust each other to behave responsibly. Each of us must make the choices and decisions which are right for our own circumstances and trust others to do the same. Above all we a duty of care towards the mental health and well-being of our children. It is not good for children’s levels of anxiety if the adults around them are panicking!

So please



Yours sincerely

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