

15th March 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

This letter is to update you further on our planning around the spread of coronavirus. It follows on from my previous letter sent last week. As I am sure you are aware, the end of the week brought a number of developments and updates.

We are now in the delay phase. The delay phase is designed to slow the spread of the virus - the government believes that if the peak phase of the virus can be delayed to the summer months that would prove beneficial.

Symptoms

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

- A new continuous cough and/or
- A high temperature (37.8 degrees and above)

For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild infection

Main messages

If you have symptoms of coronavirus infection (COVID-19), however mild, do not leave your home for **7 days** from when your symptoms started. This action will help protect others in your community while you are infectious.

If you or your child has these symptoms, we ask that you ensure you follow the advice as above.

The government also made it very clear that at this stage schools should remain open. We fully understand the vital role schools play in their communities. We are also acutely aware of the significant impact school closures have on children and their families especially where parents are involved in the delivery of vital services needed at this time. We will do everything possible in order that we can stay open.

It is with this in mind, alongside the health and wellbeing of children and staff that we have decided to keep all contact to the minimum required to fulfil our core functions.

This means that from Monday 16th March 2020 there will be no;

- Sharing assemblies (these assemblies will continue but will be with children only). We will continue to share the children's achievements via our usual methods of the news section of our website.
- Church services
- Sports fixtures involving other schools
- School trips
- Parent information sessions

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We will also be;

- Limiting visitors and guests to only those who have essential business to conduct at school
- Making use others forms of contact such as phone and email to ensure the essential functions continue
- Not shaking hands

We will continue to meet with parents face to face, as necessary, in relation to essential activities such as review meetings. Breakfast club and after school clubs will continue to run at present as these only involve the same interactions as take place during the school day. We also recognise the essential service that before and after school care provides to families.

Swimming will continue at present as this is a statutory part of the curriculum and therefor part of what are considered essential functions of the school. We will continue to keep this under review.

We will continue to keep you updated through our usual channels. Thank you for your continued support and understanding as we navigate through this unprecedented situation.

Yours sincerely

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