



Tuesday 17th March 2020

Dear Parents/carers,

I am writing to update you on our response to the Coronavirus pandemic. We are following all Government advice to the letter, in order to try and prevent the spread of the virus, in these unprecedented times.

In light of the announcement by Government yesterday, we have taken the decision to cancel all unnecessary gatherings, meetings (except safeguarding meetings), trips and sport fixtures. This means that there will be no after school clubs, sports' fixtures or tournaments; no class swimming, trips, parent cafes, parents' evenings or assemblies. Breakfast Club will continue to operate – we will spread the children out and practice good hygiene. SATs boosters, for year 6, will continue for now – it is no different from having the children in class and they are all from the same year group. This will take effect from Wednesday 18th March. For After School Care, you will need to contact Revolutionary Roots as they are the providers. We will review the situation after the Easter holiday.

We have made arrangements for lunchtimes so that children are more spread out; using the hall, dining room and two empty classrooms. We are taking extra precautions with cleaning and hand sanitisers are available in all classrooms. Children are washing hands frequently and young children are being supervised to ensure they do it correctly and for the full 20 seconds.

We have many children absent from school. If your child has a cough or a temperature then **please** follow government advice and keep them at home in isolation (along with any brothers or sisters) for the full 14 days. If they come into school with these symptoms, we will be calling you to ask you to take them home. Please advise us by telephoning the school office, making it clear if your child is off because they are unwell or if you are self-isolating them in line with the guidance. If self-isolation is the reason, we need to know what symptoms have led you to this decision. These reasons are recorded differently for legal purposes.

Please remember if you are self-isolating for 14 days, in line with government and HPE guidance, then this is self-isolation at home with no visitors and not leaving the house during this time.

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

Keeping your child off because you are worried about the coronavirus is not an accepted reason for absence, although we fully appreciate that there may be some worry or anxiety in parents and families. Please be honest in your reasons, as we want to be able to track the absences and reasons for absence so we can share these as part of the wider picture if requested.

Parents are asking about work during this period. I have included a list of websites on this letter that provide learning activities for children. In addition, they should read daily, practise multiplication tables and spellings and they have current homework grids that can be worked through. In the event of school having to close, work will be placed on the school website in the year group areas. A message home will provide the links to these for you and staff will be available on dedicated emails to help with any problems children encounter (that you cannot solve) on a daily basis. This information will be sent out to you if it is needed.

Thank you for your cooperation at this difficult time.

Yours sincerely,

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Headteacher

Useful Links

<https://www.ttrockstars.com>

<https://www.robinhoodmat.co.uk/> and click on 'Inspire' and then 'The Learning Projects'

<http://www.amazingeducationalresources.com/>

www.twinkl.co.uk/offer

<https://chatterpack.net/blogs/blog/resources-list-for-home-learning>

<https://kidsactivitiesblog.com/24151/elementary-home-school/>

<https://www.tts-group.co.uk/home+learning+activities.html>

<https://classroomsecrets.co.uk/free-home-learning-packs/>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/>

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/>

https://senecalearning.com/blog/senecas-free-distance-learning-home-study-programme/?utm_source=twitter&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=uk&utm_content=jack-DistanceLearningBlog

Early Years

<https://hungrylittleminds.campaign.gov.uk/#3>

WEBSITES TO HELP PARENTS:

<https://www.khanacademy.org/>

<https://homelearninguk.weebly.com/>