



13th March 2020

Dear parents and carers

We are very aware that parents will be feeling anxious about the spread of the Coronavirus and are worried about whether they should be sending their children to school or not.

We are continuing to follow the advice which is issued to us from the Department for Health and Social Care. We are asking that children **who have a high temperature** (37.8 degrees and above) and develop a **new, continuous cough**, stay at home for a week.

We also ask you to let us know if you have been directly in contact with someone who has been diagnosed with the virus.

Schools remains open as normal and children should be in school unless they are ill. Any absence linked to children self-isolating will be coded as unauthorised. We have cancelled any planned trips over the next few weeks and have ensured that we are well stocked with hand sanitizer and soap. Children are washing their hands regularly and we continue to talk to them daily about the importance of hygiene while at the same time, managing any anxieties they may have about the virus. Scientific evidence, at this stage, suggests that children are a lower risk group and it is important that they understand this.

Thank you for your support at this difficult time. Please come and talk to a member of staff if you have any concerns.

Kind regards

Fiona Judge

Headteacher