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Dear Parents/Carers,

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Coronavirus Information Update

As you are aware, we have been and are continuing to follow Public Health Wales (PHW) guidelines regarding Coronavirus. In addition, we have held meetings with the school's Senior Leadership team, school Governors and our cluster schools. We have all agreed that whilst there is currently no immediate serious concern, plans should be put into place to minimise the spread of infection in the coming weeks, should the number of cases in South Wales rise.

Things we are already doing:

- Increased handwashing for all pupils and staff. We have added extra soap stations at all accessible sinks and I have instructed strict handwashing for pupils at certain times of the day as a minimum. Soap dispensers in toilets are checked regularly and staff / pupils can advise reception if supplies run low. We do also have hand sanitiser but we are instructing children that this is in addition to handwashing not instead of. All visitors are being asked to use hand sanitiser in the school entrance before entering the school.
- All classrooms have tissues for pupils to use. We are reminding children to use tissues to catch coughs and sneezes (Catch it, Bin it, Kill it). Also reminding them to try not to touch eyes, nose or mouth with unwashed hands.
- We are keeping rooms well ventilated.
- We have removed sand, water and playdough activities.
- Given guidance on contact, we will no longer be holding whole school worship in the hall and will be restricting carpet time to 10 minutes in each hour.
- We will also be postponing parents' evening and the Year 2 Class worship until further notice.
- We are cancelling all planned trips up until Easter (in the first instance).

We will, if necessary, implement the following actions:

- Limit the number of visitors to the school to essential visits only.
- Hold essential meetings via the telephone or if necessary in a designated zone within the school.

Should any pupil (or member of staff) become unwell during school time we will contact parents and then follow the WG guidance below (paragraph 4).

In the event that future advice from Public Health Wales results in significant staff absence it may be necessary to close classes – this will only occur as a last resort and we will keep you fully updated.

Parents who have specific worries regarding their children are requested to take advice from Public Health Wales and contact the school in order to discuss their concerns.

As and when we need to implement these or any other changes you will be kept informed. The situation may well change over the coming days and weeks as government issues further advice and guidance.

We will continue to reassure all pupils at this unsettling time. We will also continue to implement stringent hygiene routines including ensuring all children regularly wash their hands and ensure that the school is cleaned and sanitised on a daily basis.

Please be assured that we have followed all PHW guidance and the safety and wellbeing of our pupils and staff is our highest priority.

If you have any concerns about your own health you could consult the NHS online symptom checker <https://111.nhs.uk>

Should you wish to discuss this or have any other concerns please contact the school.

Thank you for your understanding and continuing support. We are receiving regular updates and I will pass on any information as an when I get it.

Yours faithfully,



Gen Hallett
Headteacher

<https://phw.nhs.wales/topics/latest-information-on-novel-coronavirus-covid-19/>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19>