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Dear Parents and Carers,

Trust Social Distancing Strategy

We know that this will be a worrying time for parents and we are writing to you to keep you fully informed of the strategies we will be employing to manage this situation and keep your children and you as safe as possible.

We are following all the government guidelines as announced and we will continue to update our policies as these change over time. Therefore, from Monday 16th March these things will come into effect.

Thermometers in school:

Non invasive thermometers will be in school to check the temperature of any pupil or staff member who feels unwell. Should their temperature be above 37.8 degrees, we will then send home to self-isolate for a minimum of 7 days. This is in line with government policy. This will be recorded as authorised absence unless the government provides an alternative code for this situation.

New or Persistent Coughs:

Should a child or staff member present with a new or persistent cough, we will contact the parent in the case of a child, and ask that person to go home and self-isolate for a minimum of 7 days. This is in line with government policy. This will be recorded as authorised absence unless the government provides an alternative code for this situation.

Hand Hygiene:

All staff and pupils will be regularly reminded and shown information on the correct hand washing procedure. All children and staff will wash hands at regular intervals during the day. For young children this will be supervised to ensure that they are washing well. Children may bring in hand sanitiser for personal use only. If you choose to send hand sanitiser, this must be a small bottle, labelled clearly with the child's name and for the use of that child only. Children must take full responsibility for their own hand sanitiser and be sensible in how they use it, therefore please think carefully before sending this in. There is no expectation that you will provide hand sanitiser. The government advice is that hand washing is sufficient.

Maintaining a healthy environment in school:

In school all surfaces will be kept clear to allow for thorough and regular cleaning. All bins will be regularly emptied to remove any waste which will be tied in bin bags to reduce chances of any contamination. To allow fresh air to circulate, windows will be open in all possible areas. As the weather is still cold, please ensure that your child has a jumper or cardigan to wear in school.

The Head of School is the designated person for all child protection issues

Social distancing:

To minimise unnecessary contact and mixing with external adults and children we have made the decision to limit all unnecessary contact.

-All residential visits will be cancelled. The Trust will apply to our insurance providers to secure a refund. Parents will receive a refund in due course. Please do not contact the school office at this point as the claim may take a few weeks.

-All educational visits out of school will be cancelled until further notice. Again, we will apply for insurance refunds for these visits and forward these to parents when they arrive.

-External visitors to school who are not regular visitors (eg. A visiting author) will be postponed until further notice

-Regular external visitors (eg Sports coaches), will continue but under regular review. All regular external visitors will follow strict hygiene rules on entry to the site and during their stay.

-All sporting fixture, music performances and activities which involve other schools are cancelled until further notice

-All afterschool clubs will continue but will be under review

-All volunteers in school will be asked to cease for the time being. Student placements will continue but be kept under review and will adhere to the strict hygiene routines.

-All additional events involving parents and carers, eg meetings, assemblies, PTA events are postponed until further notice

We will do our very best to maintain full staffing levels but please be aware that demand for supply staff will become extremely high. We will endeavour to avoid any closure, but please check the website and text service each day for any additional information about partial or full closures.

Yours sincerely

Mrs R Taylor
Acting Head Teacher