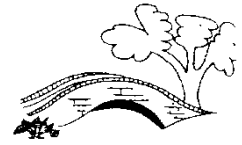




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Dear Parents

As you're probably aware, the government's guidance on the coronavirus has changed from the 'contain' phase to one of delaying the spread of the virus. We're getting in touch to let you know what we are doing in light of this, and what we expect from all of you, to help make sure our school community keeps safe and calm.

We would like to reassure you that at our School we are taking all of the necessary steps to protect our community and are continuing to follow official guidance from the government.

What's the current situation?

- The school remains open – this is the current official guidance we have been given.
- We are looking at all school events and making decisions on an event by event basis whether these events will continue or not.
- Children should attend unless they feel unwell.
- If any member of your family has any of the following symptoms, all members of the family should stay at home and self-isolate for 14 days.
 - ❖ a persistent cough and/or
 - ❖ a high temperature
- If your child is unwell, report this as you would normally by informing the school office via admin@whixall.shropshire.sch.uk or telephoning 01948 880330 before 09:30 a.m.
- All clubs are still planned to go ahead however, they may have to be cancelled if further advice is received.
- We will keep you up to date with any changes to the current situation via parentmail.

What we are doing to protect and support children and staff:

- We will contact you, should your child feel unwell, develop a temperature and/or persistent cough to ask you to collect your child immediately.

- We will encourage all children to continue with regular hand-washing and to make use of the hand sanitisers provided.
- We will support the children through lessons and assemblies to respond to any questions the children may have.

What we need you to do:

- If you have recently changed your contact details, please inform the school office as soon as possible.
- Talk to your children about the coronavirus. It is a scary time and we should make sure children feel supported. BBC Newsround has regular updates for younger children and Young Minds has practical steps older children can take to help with anxiety.

What happens if the school has to close?

We will only close if we are officially advised to do so.

If this is the case then we will alert parents/carers to closure and proposed dates for reopening via parentmail and or/email. Should this happen, further information will be shared with you to enable children to access home learning during a short term closure.

Please keep in mind that we are only sending out this information to help the school community prepare. There are currently no plans to close.

If you have any questions

Please consult the: ● NHS, if you want to know more about the symptoms of coronavirus. If you think you or your child may have the symptoms, use NHS 111 online if at all possible before calling 111.

- Department for Education's coronavirus helpline: 0800 046 8687, if you have any questions about the government's response to coronavirus in relation to schools. ● Government's travel advice, if you want to know whether any upcoming trip or holiday you are taking abroad should go ahead.

It is a difficult time and we know that you are worried about the impact this might have on our community. It is important we work together to keep each other safe and talk about these events to help with any anxiety.

Advice to schools is changing on a daily basis and if there are any significant updates we will contact you as soon as we can.

Thank you for your continued support.

Nicola Brayford

Headteacher