

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2020



Dear Parents,

As you know, the government advice is that schools should remain open, but I know how worried many of you are about the current situation regarding Coronavirus. I thought it would be helpful if I shared with you what the school has put into place to keep your children safe:

- Our teachers are working with your children to ensure that they understand how important it is to wash their hands
- Children wash their hands before snacks, lunch and after playtimes, lunch and toilet visits
- Children are aware that they need to use tissues and then throw them away
- Our toilets are cleaned throughout the school day and after school
- Fruit is handed to the children
- The lunchtime salad bar has been replaced by salad pots

We have also made the very difficult decision to cancel the school trips that are planned for the next few weeks, as the government have advised against all but essential travel. As soon as we are able to arrange alternative dates, we will let you know.

We are also putting plans into place to provide your children with work to do at home if the government does decide to close schools in the coming weeks. It is therefore really important that we have your most up-to-date contact details, including mobile numbers and email addresses, so please let the school office know of any changes.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to speak to our staff who are on the playground at the beginning and end of the school day. You can also check the latest public health advice at <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public> or telephone the Department for Education Coronavirus helpline on 0800 046 8687 for more information.

I would like to reassure you that the health of your children and our staff is our top priority and would like to thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards

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