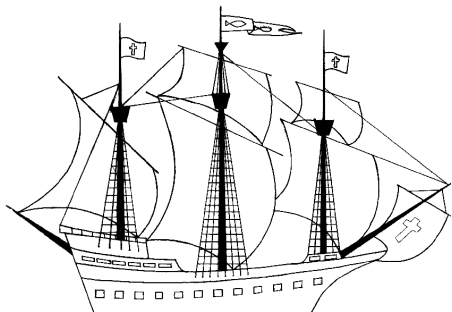

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*'The Fruit of the Spirit is Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Generosity, Faithfulness, Gentleness & Self Control'
(Galatians 5:22-23)*



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Coronavirus update – infection control measures in school

Following the government's announcement yesterday that they are moving from the 'containment' phase to 'delay', we would like to take this opportunity to outline the preventative measures the school has put in place in order to minimise the spread of infection. Please ensure you read all of this information carefully.

As per the advice from the government, the school has taken the following actions for infection control:

- Encouraging good hygiene by promoting handwashing for **at least 20 seconds** with warm water and soap, especially when staff and pupils:
 - Blow their nose, sneeze or cough
 - Use the toilet
 - Eat or handle food
 - Get home at the end of the day
- Ensuring pupils and staff have access to regular handwashing facilities with soap and warm water.
- Ensuring pupils and staff understand that they must cover their cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue away and wash their hands.
- Ensuring frequently touched objects and surfaces are cleaned and disinfected every day.
- Ensuring all staff have access to the latest advice from the Department for Education (DfE) and Public Health England (PHE).

We also wish to reiterate the following advice:

'For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the Lord. 'Plans to prosper you and not to harm you. Plans to give you hope and a future.' (Jeremiah 29:11)

- Anyone with a **new, continuous cough** or a **high temperature above 37.8°** is advised to [self-isolate](#) for 7-days regardless of whether they have travelled to affected areas. Pupils, staff and family members with either of these symptoms are asked to stay away from the school premises. Please telephone the school office as normal if your child is absent from school.
- Children who show signs of these symptoms in school will be sent home.
- Anyone who has [symptoms of Coronavirus](#) should call NHS 111 or complete the [online assessment](#).
- People who have returned from category 1 specified countries/areas in the last 14-days are to self-isolate for 14-days before they return to school.
- People who have returned from category 2 specified countries/areas in the last 14-days are to stay at home if they develop symptoms – the full list of category 1 and category 2 countries can be found on the [government website](#).

We ask all families to encourage good infection control practices, such as thorough handwashing at home. Please keep your child informed about the things they can do to discourage the spread of infection. We recommend two NHS video clips:

- How to wash your hands properly: <https://youtu.be/bQCP7waTRWU>
- Handwashing Song: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S9VjeIWLnEg>

If you think your child may have been exposed to or has Coronavirus, please contact the school on 0151 648 3412 at the earliest opportunity.

Coronavirus update - planning ahead

Please be reassured that current advice remains for educational settings to function as normal. However possible actions available to the government include closing schools as detailed in the ['Coronavirus action plan: a guide to what you can expect across the UK'](#):

'The UK government's education department's planning assumptions include the possibility of having to close educational settings in order to reduce the spread of infection'.

Should a forced school closure occur during term-time, parents will be asked to support their child's learning by referring to the ['Home Learning'](#) section of the school website which contains:

- Recommended reading lists
- Statutory spellings
- Multiplication tables & maths tasks
- Recommended further learning
- Recommended websites and apps
- Practical activities

As far as possible, teaching staff will ensure these pages are updated to include the work pupils will miss during the school closure.

We believe that these tasks will allow the children who are unaffected by the outbreak to access areas of our curriculum practically and appropriately. We appreciate the severity of the outbreak; each family's own circumstances and government advice will influence the nature of any time away

from school and it will be the parents and carers best judgements as to the amount of work the children access.

Any communications from the school during a forced closure will be shared on the school website and via email. We have included a '[Coronavirus Information](#)' section within the 'Parent Information' tab of the school website where we will upload the latest information.

Key Contacts

NHS 111

NHS 111 online: <https://111.nhs.uk/covid-19>

DfE Helpline: **0800 046 8687** (questions about COVID-19 related to education, open 8am-6pm Monday -Friday)

Email: DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk

Public Health England North West: **0344 225 0562**

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and understanding through these uncertain times. We will continue to update you with information as soon as we receive it.

Yours sincerely,



David Burrows
Head Teacher