

17<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Coronavirus Measures**

The situation regarding the Coronavirus and the measures that we need to take to ensure everyone's safety is changing rapidly.

We are committed to ensuring that the children have the best possible experience in these difficult times and have put the following measures in place:

- regularly discussing and reminding children about good hand hygiene and 'Catch it, Bin it. Kill it' for coughs and sneezes.
- monitoring children's washing of hands after playtimes, before and after lunch.
- ensuring that cleaning procedures are rigorous particularly in 'vulnerable' areas e.g. toilets, door handles, dining tables, classroom tables etc. David Jones is now in school throughout the whole day to undertake these duties continuously.
- providing children with a new pencil labelled with their name on and limiting shared resources.
- morning playtimes have been staggered since October with no afternoon break. During lunchtimes KS1 & KS2 children are now using separate yards.
- No assemblies.
- No outside providers in school including no after school clubs.
- No swimming lessons.

### **FROM TOMORROW:**

Some of the above list falls into the government's request to limit all non-essential social contact. To further support this, we are requesting that -as far as possible – parents and carers do not congregate for extended periods in the yard and at the gate.

**At the start of the day all children will enter school in the way they do on a 'rainy' day: through the hall doors at the front of the school.** A member of staff will be on duty there from 8.45a.m. and children will be sent straight to their classes.

**At the end of the school day we are going to operate a 'staggered' home time. All classes will be dismissed from same places as is current practice but at the following times:**

- **Reception and Year 1 at 3p.m.**
- **Year 2 & 3 at 3.10p.m.**
- **Year 4, 5 & 6 at 3.20p.m.**

We are aware that some of you will need to wait for older siblings – we will try where possible to have them ready to leave at the same time as their younger brothers and sisters but please bear with us!

At the present time, there is no indication of an imminent direction from government to close. Please do be reassured that we are working on contingency plans to support your children in the event that this situation changes.

If your child or anyone in the household is displaying any of the following symptoms then please keep your child at home and begin a 14 day period of self-isolation

- new continuous cough and/or
- high temperature.

Any child who is poorly in school we will be ringing home and asking you to come and collect them and any siblings. Teachers are busily putting together 'home learning packs' with guidance. These will be ready by Friday and available for anyone who is self-isolating.

Everyone's health is of the utmost importance and we thank you for your support in such difficult times.

Kind Regards  
Wendy Gill & staff