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Dear Parent/Carer,

School Update 2

Last Thursday the government announced that we are now moving to the next stage of their action plan regarding managing the spread of COVID 19. We are now within the Delay/Mitigation phase. Please note carefully the following actions the school is taking as part of this.

- From today onwards we ask that you check your child's temperature before sending them to school. If it is above 37.6° please keep your child at home for seven days in self-isolation. Please inform us on the first day, the reason for absence, no later than 9.00am. Currently the government is not advising that you keep other siblings off school if they have no symptoms.
- We are also asking that you keep your child at home in self-isolation if they develop a continuous cough.
- If your child becomes unwell at school we will contact you and ask that you collect your child immediately. For coughs and temperatures we will ask you to keep your child isolated at home for 7 days. For other illnesses we will currently continue to follow PHE guidelines but also ask that you ensure your child is fully well before they return. (this may take longer than 48 hours)
- If after seven days your child is symptom free current advice is that they can return to school. If symptoms persist or worsen you should continue to self-isolate the child and contact your GP or NHS 111
- If you or your child are confirmed as having coronavirus it is vital that you let school know immediately.
- If you or your child are **confirmed** as having the virus then all siblings must remain at home in self-isolation for 14 days
- If we have a member of staff or child who is confirmed as having the virus we will be advised by the Local Public Health Trust team as to what we should do. We will keep parents/carers informed at all times.

Reducing Contact

In such a rapidly changing environment the safety and welfare of our children and employees remains of paramount importance. In line with Government guidelines we are seeking to decrease the possibility of infection and as a result we will be limiting adult access/contact in school. Therefore, the following events/activities WILL NOT be going ahead as planned.

- Haughmond Inspire afternoon – 17th March will not take place
- Mothers Day Lunch will not take place
- Parents' evenings will be postponed and we will be sending a short written report out instead. As usual if you do wish to have a more detailed update on your child's progress please contact the school and we will arrange a phone meeting for as soon as possible.
- The planned PTA Easter Bingo will not take place
- Hawkstone Trip to Liverpool will not take place



We are a Christian school where we value one another, want the best for everyone, work hard and enjoy the journey.

Deo Fretus – Trust In God



- Easter Service at Holy Trinity Church will not take place
- All assemblies and 'Stars of the Week' will not take place.

We will review other events/visits as we move forward and will keep parents/carers informed.

All non essential visitors to school have been cancelled, however After school clubs will continue until further notice especially Year 6 SATS boosters.

Maintaining Good Hygiene

The following advice still applies:

There is currently no vaccine to prevent COVID-19. The best way to prevent infection is to avoid being exposed to the virus. There are general principles anyone can follow to help prevent the spread of respiratory viruses, including:

- washing your hands often - with soap and water, or use alcohol sanitiser if handwashing facilities are not available. This is particularly important after taking public transport
- covering your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throwing the tissue in a bin. See [Catch it, Bin it, Kill it](#)
- people who feel unwell should stay at home and should not attend work or any education or childcare setting
- pupils, students, staff and visitors should wash their hands:
 - before leaving home
 - on arrival at school
 - after using the toilet
 - after breaks and sporting activities
 - before food preparation
 - before eating any food, including snacks
 - before leaving school
- **From today we will be enforcing handwashing on entry to school and at the end of the school day before leaving, along with washing at all other recommended times during the school day. We are aware that for some of our children with skin conditions that this could exacerbate their conditions and ask that you seek advice regarding alternatives (Washing with just water as long as the skin is rubbed for 20 seconds is almost as effective as washing with soap as well. Wearing clean cotton gloves that are washed each night at 60°C may also be an alternative).**
- use an alcohol-based hand sanitiser that contains at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available
- avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands
- avoid close contact with people who are unwell
- clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces

ALL water fountains have been switched off to stop any contamination – please therefore send your child with their own water bottle with their name and class clearly marked.

School has further increased its cleaning regime and is continuing to review and dynamically risk assess cleaning routines on a daily basis

Staff Illness and mitigating procedures

If we are unable to cover staff absence due to illness we will take the following steps:

- Combine groups of children and teach in larger classes in the larger spaces in school
- Move to part time timetables meaning children may have to attend for only part of each day.

Again we will keep parents/carers informed if any of these measures need to be implemented.

For the latest information and advice please visit <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/> or <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus> or contact the helpline 0800 046 8687.

At the time of writing this letter we are unaware of any member of the Holy Trinity community having tested positive for COVID 19. I ask you all to re-inforce these points at home and be vigilant in the continuation of the hygiene procedures that we as a school are following. We must look after our children, our wider families and our local community. Stay safe everyone!

Best Wishes



Mr Dickson
School Principal