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Dear parents and carers,

I thought I would take this opportunity to write to you and give you some clarity on some of the up and coming events, details around communication and information we have received from the Trust.

World Book Day

This will take place on Thursday the 5th of March 2020. The children can dress up if they wish however this is optional. This year we would like children to wrap up their favourite book and provide some clues about the book for other children to guess. This will form the basis of an activity in school on Thursday.

Year 1 Visit

Thank you for all the information received regarding the cancellation of the year 1 trip due to lack of monies collected. Unfortunately, due to funding restrictions and inclusion agendas our policy does state that if we don't have enough contributions we will have to cancel the visit. However, after having lots of conversations with parents we are looking to reschedule the visit later in the year. I am investigating whether I can ethically and legally only allow the children who have paid to attend the visit and I am going to be reviewing the policy alongside the governors due to the amount of parental comment. I have taken on board all the comments and I hope you appreciate we are listening and trying to make a change. Please be aware that if you are having financial difficulties or you are finding ParentPay a challenge it is important that you come to speak to me or Mrs Dyson as soon as possible. We can implement extensions and payment plans but we need to know. We are empathetic to the challenges families face regarding money. For children receiving pupil premium, we will be in touch with individual families regarding any contributions which can be made by school.

Coronavirus

A coronavirus is a type of virus. As a group, coronaviruses are common across the world. COVID-19 is a new strain of coronavirus first identified in Wuhan City, China in January 2020.

The following information is what has been sent to schools for your attention.

The following symptoms may develop in the 14 days after exposure to someone who has COVID-19 infection:

Cough, difficulty in breathing, fever

Generally, these infections can cause more severe symptoms in people with weakened immune systems, older people, and those with long-term conditions like diabetes, cancer and chronic lung disease. There is no evidence that children are more affected than other age groups - very few cases have been reported in children.

What to do if a case of COVID-19 is suspected in your childcare or educational setting

The individual will be told to stay away from the premises until the test results are returned.

There is no need to close the setting or send children and staff home.

Once the test results arrive, those who test negative will be advised about when to return to education.

What to do if children or staff become unwell with suspected COVID-19 at school

Make sure children and adults know to tell staff if they feel unwell.

Call NHS 111 or 999 if it's an emergency, and while you wait for advice, try to find somewhere safe and isolated for the person.

What to do if a case is confirmed in your childcare or school setting

The setting will be contacted by the local Public Health England Health Protection Team to discuss the case, identify people who have been in contact with them and advise on any actions or precautions that should be taken.

The Health Protection Team will also be in contact with the patient directly to advise on isolation and identifying other contacts.

Advice on cleaning of communal areas such as classrooms, changing rooms and toilets will be given.

What to do if any children or adults have returned from a Category 1 specified country in the past 14 days

People who have returned from [Category 1 specified countries/areas](#) such as China, South Korea, Iran and parts of Italy, in the last 14 days, should self-isolate. This includes avoiding attending an education setting or work until 14 days after they return.

People who have returned from [Category 2 specified countries/areas](#) such as Japan, Cambodia and Singapore, in the last 14 days, are advised to stay at home only if they develop symptoms.

All other pupils or students and staff should continue to attend school or university, including their siblings attending the same or a different school (unless advised not to by public health officials).

Healthy Snacks

Can we remind parents and carers that children are allowed to bring a water bottle to school but this must contain only water not juice. Also, snacks are permitted at breaktime but we ask that you provide a piece of fruit or some vegetables such as carrot sticks or a cereal bar - not crisps or chocolate. Please can grapes and cherry tomatoes be cut to avoid choking. KS1 and reception children are provided with a fruit snack by school.

Ice and snow

We thank you for your cooperation during the icy and snowy weather. When the playground is icy we may take the decision to close the bottom gate so please keep an eye on communication sent from school. Please can all children wear a waterproof coat and suitable footwear as we may still play out during the day.

Communication

We have lots of different ways of communicating information to you every day. We use the website, Facebook, Schoolcomms App, email, text messages, phone calls, letters and face to face conversations. If you are finding difficulty with any of these avenues please come and see us. We are constantly looking at ways of communicating and adapting to suit the needs of the families and the school. Communication in this school is usually good however there may be times where systems fall down and for this we apologise and appreciate your patience.

Newsletters

Your class newsletter will be sent out during next week. This will explain your child's new learning for the half term.

Yours sincerely

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