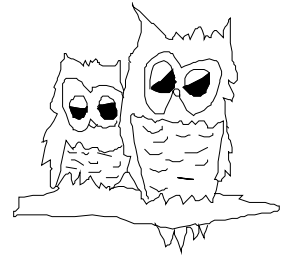


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Dear Parents and Carers,

COVID-19 (Coronavirus)

Following the government guidance, I would like to inform you of the measures school is taking to try and delay transmission of Coronavirus. I do not wish to cause alarm, but it is important that we reduce the risk of transmission of the virus as much as possible, whilst still continuing to educate the children as normal.

The following measures are being introduced by the school.

- All meetings for parents will be cancelled
- New temporary arrangements for dropping off children each morning have been introduced.
- Parents are requested not to enter the school buildings, except through the school office entrance, where hand sanitiser will be available.
- EYFS children will enter school through their normal door but we ask that parents say goodbye to their child before they enter school and EYFS staff will be in the cloakroom to help the children with their coat, bag etc.
- Arrangements for the end of the school day will remain unchanged.
- If your child stays for a club after school, the adult in charge of the club will hand over the children at the door and parents are requested not to enter the school building.
- Pupils and staff will be washing their hands frequently during the school day and this should continue at home too.
- Objects and surfaces that are regularly touched in school will be frequently cleaned and disinfected.
- If anyone becomes unwell with a new continuous cough or high temperature whilst at home, the family should self-isolate according to Public Health England advice. Please keep school informed if you are self-isolating at home.
- If your child becomes unwell at school, you will be contacted to come and collect your child.
- If you require clinical advice, this can be accessed online on <https://111.nhs.uk> or call 111 if you do not have internet access.
- Anyone who is waiting to be tested will have to self-isolate along with close family members. The school will remain open unless advised by Public Health England. There is not an expectation that schools will inform other parents in this situation.
- If you wish to withdraw your child from school then the school will authorise the absence.

As you will already know, schools will probably close at some point in the future. I want to reassure you that we will make every effort to ensure your child can continue to learn at home. Staff are preparing packs of work for each child in the event of closure and school is preparing online materials if the closure continues for an extended period. These will be on our website and under the class page tabs. **Please note that we are not confirming that the school will close yet – we want to reassure you that if this were to happen, we are fully prepared to take action.**

I would like to thank you for your continued support, and I hope this letter brings you some reassurance.

Kind regards
Gill White

