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Dear Parent/Carer,

COVID-19 Update

As we continue to follow guidance from the Department of Education and Public Health England, I am contacting you to update you about the steps we are taking in relation to the Coronavirus (COVID-19).

Outlined in this letter are the steps we are currently following in school and the additional precautions we are taking from today. I have also outlined the steps that may be implemented in the near future.

Our priority is to do all we can to keep the school community safe by following the Government advice.

Hygiene

In school, we continue to constantly remind the children about the importance of washing their hands and the need to have good personal hygiene. To support us with this, please could you take time to reinforce these messages at home.

We continue to ensure there is enough soap, hand gel, paper towels and tissues for use within school.

We encourage all children to have water bottles in school so they are keeping themselves hydrated throughout the day.

Our Collective Worship this morning was used to reiterate all the key messages we have been giving for the last few weeks. Children were informed that staff will continue to remind and encourage children to wash their hands and keep good hygiene but the children also have a degree of responsibility to ensure they are following these key messages too.

Restrictions

To help support the Government strategy and to keep our school community as safe as possible, we are asking you to comply with the following instructions and take notice of restrictions we have put in place to reduce events that bring the community into school.

➤ Please do not come into school yourself if you have a fever over 37.8 degrees or a new continuous cough.

- Please do not send your child to school if they have a fever over 37.8 degrees or a new continuous cough.
- If your child has a fever over 37.8 degrees or a new continuous cough, please do not send them to school for seven days and isolate them in line with government guidance.
- If we have any children that develop these symptoms during the school day, we will immediately isolate them. If this happens, we ask for your support in collecting your child as soon as possible.
- Teachers will ensure work packs are available for those children who are having to self-isolate due to COVID-19. The office will inform you when they are ready for collection.
- Please can you ensure that you have provided the school with the most up-to-date contact details by phoning or emailing the school office at adminoffice@nursling.hants.sch.uk
- We support Mountbatten's decision to cancel sports fixtures and festivals until further notice. If your child was involved in any of these, please collect from Nursling Primary school at the normal time.
- We continue to following guidance regarding school trips and visits and decisions on these will be made on a trip-by-trip basis. Updates will follow as appropriate to each year group.
- Celebration Assembly will only be attended by staff and children at school until further notice.
- Mrs Ponds Coffee and Cake is cancelled until further notice.
- Parent volunteers are not required to support in school until further notice.
- NFER test paper viewing is postponed until further notice. School reports will be sent out at the end of this term.
- The PTA school disco is cancelled on 2nd April.
- The Easter Service on 3rd April will take place in the school hall instead of St John's church so that we are not relying on community members to help us with the walk to church. Please collect your child, as originally advertised, at 3pm from Nursling Primary School.
- Face to face meetings with parents will be on an essential basis only. Please use the communication books to correspond with class teachers on a day to day basis.

Possible Closure

Again, we are following daily advice from the Department of Education and Public Health England and will continue to keep you informed of any changes as they happen.



In the event of a closure

Staff are preparing work packs for children to do in the event of closure.

Class pages on our website will be updated to accommodate extra information.

Communication channels will be through the school website, Twitter feed, Parent Mail, and email: adminoffice@nursling.hants.sch.uk

In the meantime, I would ask that in the coming weeks you are supportive of any mitigating steps we might take to accommodate circumstances that may present themselves throughout this time of uncertainty.

Thank you for your support and understanding and I hope that you and your families keep well.

Kind regards



Mrs J Jearrad
Headteacher

