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Re: Arrangements for school reopening

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are looking forward to seeing the pupils once again. I would like to reassure you that the safety of our school community is our priority. We will continue to review the arrangements we have implemented at this stage and update you with any changes as and when we make them.

Maintaining a safe school environment

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the preventative measures the school has put in place in order to minimise the spread of infection.

As per the advice from the government, the following actions for infection control remain in place:

- Displaying coronavirus infection control measures information posters around the school
- Encouraging good hygiene by promoting the importance of handwashing for at least 20 seconds with water and soap in the following circumstances:
 - Before leaving home
 - On arrival at school
 - After using the toilet
 - After breaks and sporting activities
 - Before eating any food, including snacks
 - Before leaving school
- Hand sanitiser gel available throughout the school
- Ensuring pupils and staff understand that they must cover their mouth and nose with a tissue before they cough or sneeze, then throw the tissue away
- Ensuring frequently touched objects and surfaces are cleaned and disinfected more regularly than usual

As an important part of our school community, I would ask that you continue to encourage good infection control practices, such as thorough handwashing, at home and keep your child informed about the things they can do to discourage the spread of infection.

What to do if your child is ill

As per the current NHS and government advice, you should keep your child at home for a period of 14 days if they develop coronavirus symptoms. Symptoms include a high

temperature, a new, continuous cough or loss of smell or appetite. Where symptoms continue after 7 days, or begin to worsen, you should call 111. If someone in your child's household has symptoms, your child must self-isolate for 14 days from the day the other person's symptoms started. This is because it can take 14 days for symptoms to appear. More information regarding symptoms and actions can be found on the NHS website (<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>).

If you think your child may have been exposed to or has coronavirus, please contact the school at the earliest opportunity.

Support for pupils and families

We do not underestimate how difficult the recent weeks have been for us all and we all will have been touched in some way by the coronavirus pandemic. We recognise the need to focus on pupils' emotional wellbeing as well as their return to learning. The following support is in place for pupils once they return to school:

- Timetabled sessions in class focussing on wellbeing
- Support from the wellbeing team – Miss Marsden, Mrs Pearce and Mrs Cummings for individual children who need additional support.
- Online access to our school counsellor.

If you have had a change in family circumstance that might affect the wellbeing of your child, please could you contact your child's class teacher or a member of the senior leadership team before your child returns to school.

I hope that these arrangements provide you with the information you need to support your child's return to school. I would like to take the opportunity to thank you for supporting the school over recent weeks and supporting your child with their home learning

Kind regards

Kate Mather