

**Headteacher:** Mr J Parr BA Hons

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Dear Parent/Carer,

We are writing to you with the most recent information from the Department for Education and Public Health for Education and Public Health England, regarding the Coronavirus which is also known as COVID-19.

You can also now access directly the information on 'Updates on COVID-19' at <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>. This letter is to explain some key points, give you as much advice surrounding COVID-19 as we possibly can, and also to ask for your support.

Support from you: -

- If you, any family member, or your child show any symptoms or has been in contact with anyone who you know, or suspect may have symptoms of the virus you must contact NHS 111 for advice. Should you, your child or any family member be diagnosed with the virus please inform us immediately. We will advise that your child must then remain at home and you should contact us with regular updates.

School Closures: -

- On Monday all schools were notified that Public Health England have taken responsibility for all school closures related to COVID-19. There has been a period of uncertainty about if / when a school should close; Public Health England would direct Headteachers to close if they deemed it necessary.

Advice we can give you: -

- Public Health England have launched a new helpline to answer questions about COVID-19 related to education. Staff, parents and young people can contact the helpline as follows: Phone: 0800 046 8687 Email: [DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk](mailto:DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk) Opening hours: 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday) The DfE are also providing regular updates.
- Included with this letter is an information sheet provided by Public Health England regarding advice for schools.
- Public Health England are giving very strong and clear advice on the importance of hand hygiene. We have posters in all toilets and urge you to press upon your child how important hand hygiene is in helping us to prevent and fight COVID-19.

These are very challenging and anxious times for many people, and I hope this letter provides some support. You may have other questions which we may not be able to answer at this moment, but we aim to provide you with as much information as and when we become aware of it.

Yours sincerely,

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