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Tuesday 17th March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Following the updates and announcements yesterday from the government and the national guidance, our school remains open today. However, we are implementing further measures in school from today to help keep all our school community as safe as possible.

In addition to procedures already in place, here is a summary of additional arrangements in place from today....

- All children who have symptoms, including a new continuous cough or a temperature, will be sent home and required to self-isolate for at least 14 days. If your child has any of these symptoms, please let the school know immediately.
- If you live with others and you or one of them have symptoms of coronavirus, then all household members must stay at home and not leave the house for **14 days**. The 14-day period starts from the day when the first person in the house became ill.
- While children are in school, there will continue to be supervised washing of hands as children enter and exit school, before snack times, before and after lunchtime, PE, cooking activities, and each time children have been to the toilet.
- Children must only use their own water bottles in class and must take them home each evening to be cleaned thoroughly.
- Site staff and cleaners will prioritise thoroughly cleaning high touch areas every day and midday wherever possible.
- No assemblies or large gatherings will take place in school.
- Non-essential visits, visitors and meetings both inside and outside of school will be cancelled until the end of term initially. This includes residentials, school trips, all visitors, all music teaching, staff meetings, SLT meetings, governors meetings, trustee meetings, parent meetings, PTA coffee mornings/meetings, external clubs and all lettings.
- With immediate effect, all after school clubs including multi-sports are suspended. **However, the Beaver Road before and after school childcare will remain open.**



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- Non essential communication with parents and visitors will be over the phone and/or via email.

Understandably, your child will have many questions about the coronavirus. To support you with your conversations and help them understand the importance of hand washing, please find attached two helpful documents, 'A kids guide to Coronavirus' from Great Minds Together and 'Why do I wash my hands?' from Booklife publishing.

The following links are also useful websites giving advice about how to talk to your children about what is happening and how to answer their questions.

[Emotionally Friendly Settings: How to talk to children about coronavirus](#)

[Place2Be: Coronavirus: Helpful information to answer questions from children](#)

[Child Mind Institute: Talking to kids about the coronavirus](#)

These are unprecedented times, but please be assured that we are all working together in the best interests of the whole school community, and we continue to follow all the updated instructions and advice from the DFE and Public Health England. Although these are worrying times for us all, thank you all for your ongoing positivity and commitment to making school a safe and engaging place for your children. Please see our dedicated page on our website about coronavirus, which will have all the latest updated news and information.

<https://www.beaverroad.org.uk/page/covid-19/64176>

Due to the large volume of emails we are receiving about coronavirus measures in school at this present time, please call the school in the first instance to report any absences and to let us know about any urgent questions or queries. Please also check our website and school app for updated information and communication from school, as it will not be possible to respond to all the individual emails received at the moment.

Finally, from today I will send daily email updates to all parents and carers.

Thanks in advance for your co-operation and please do take extra care and look after yourselves.

Yours sincerely,

Liz Hardy

Headteacher