



Tuesday 17th March 2020

Dear Parents

With the Coronavirus (Covid-19) situation changing daily, we felt it was important to give you an update on the measures we are taking to protect the health and wellbeing of you and your children and our staff, which remains our number one priority. We are also taking the opportunity to reiterate the measures that you can take to help keep this virus at bay.

Advice from Public Health England:

- Staff members and children should stay at home for 14 days if they or a member of their family are unwell with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature to avoid spreading infection to others. This means that you will not be able to come to Pre-school if either you or your child have symptoms.
- Staff members or children becoming unwell at Pre-school with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature will need to be sent home.
- We are cleaning and disinfecting regularly touched objects and surfaces more often than usual using standard cleaning products.
- We are supervising the children to ensure they wash their hands for 20 seconds, more often than usual, with soap and water and catch coughs and sneezes in tissues.
- Please self-isolate your family if you have returned from overseas.
- Pre-schools and schools have been directed to remain open until receiving further advice from Public Health England.

The most common symptoms of Coronavirus (Covid-19) are a new, continuous cough and/or a high temperature. For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild infection.

The above advice has been taken from Public Health England – website.

We know how disruptive Coronavirus is threatening to be to all our daily lives, which is why we are taking every possible precaution but remaining open while it is safe to do so:

- We are requesting that all adults entering our premises wash their hands or use antibacterial hand sanitiser. The children are being encouraged to wash their hands when arriving at and leaving Pre-school and regularly throughout the day. We are using this situation as an opportunity to talk about good hygiene routines!



- We are trying to reduce the number of visitors to Pre-school to try and decrease the chances of Coronavirus spreading within our Pre-school. We really enjoy parents staying for our circle time but, we are asking parents to drop their children and then leave without staying for circle time. We are hoping to invite everyone back in for circle time as soon as practicable – we hope you understand.
- We have also adapted our signing in process – a member of staff will sign your child in and out to prevent everyone sharing pens. You will still need to check that your child is signed in before leaving them at Pre-school.
- If you are self-isolating, please contact Pre-school immediately. We will inform you if we have any suspected cases of Coronavirus.
- We would like to reassure everyone that we have an action plan in place and aim to deal with every possible situation as it evolves. As you will be aware, the Government advice is changing daily, and our action plan will be modified to deal with each change. We would like to stress that at this time we are intending to remain open – should this situation change; we will ensure that everyone is notified.

Please do not hesitate to contact a member of staff if you have any concerns – in person, by telephone or via email. Our aim is to work closely together to ensure we all do our very best to protect our Pre-school community and families.

Please stay safe and well everyone!

Best wishes

Linda, Helen, Kate and Carolyn.