**Newsletter 19th March 2021**

We have had a brilliant start with everyone back at school. Thank you to everyone for all you are doing to support us and keep us safe. We appreciate all of your kind comments and are looking forward to the next two weeks before we break for Easter.

Thank you.

Kerrie

**HAPPI Group**

Thank you to the HAPPI group for all they are doing. Hopefully we can resume things with a bit more normality at some point in the Autumn term. Thank you for keeping it going so brilliantly meanwhile. Please see separate newsletter from the group sent out earlier this week.

**Dinner Money**

Dinner costs are going up from the start of the Summer Term. The cost will be £2.35 per day. Please use the School Money App to book dinners and packed lunches before midnight the day before. Thank you.

**Coronavirus Symptoms:**

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

* **high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
* **new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
* **loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Most people with coronavirus have at least one of these symptoms.

**If your child or anyone in your house has any of these symptoms, then please inform school and do not send your child to school or enter the school site.**

**Closure of classes –** In the event of a positive case of Covid-19 in your child’s class, if the person who has tested positive had symptoms or has had a positive test within 48 hours of being in school, then the class will close for 10 days of isolation. We may not know about this until the morning of a school day and we will therefore initially contact you by text message to tell you not to bring your child to school. This will then be followed by an email when we have the dates of return. Online learning will resume for those children who are self-isolating.

**Entering the school site:**

Only one adult per child/family to enter the school site. Please walk onto the site in a socially distanced manner (2 metres apart) and please do not enter the building. Please keep socially distanced at all times on the school site. Please follow the arrows for the one-way system. Different groups will enter school from different doors. This is explained in the table at the top of this information sheet. Parents will not be able to enter the building with their child. To limit the spread of the virus parents will need to leave their children at the allocated entrance away from the building. All adults to please wear a face covering on site please.

**The day**

**Children will use the hand sanitizer outside of the classroom as they enter the building.**

Throughout the day there will be an emphasis on hand washing. Children will carry out activities as much as possible at their desks with a set of equipment that has been identified for their own use and they will use the outdoor areas as well.

All indoor areas will be cleaned throughout the day. They will use the hand sanitizer before going to the toilet and they will wash their hands thoroughly after using the toilet.

## Handwashing advice

It is essential that everyone washes their hands more often, using soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Hand washing with soap employs mechanical action that loosens bacteria and viruses from the skin, rinsing them into the drain. Drying hands afterwards makes the skin less hospitable to the virus. Hand sanitiser can be effective if soap is not available or the situation makes using soap less feasible (i.e. when outside) but using hand sanitiser provides none of the virus-destroying friction that rubbing your hands together and rinsing with water provides. The latest guidance and video on hand washing can be found at: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/best-way-to-wash-your-hands/>

**Catch it, Bin it, Kill it** is the advice on sneezes. Sneeze into a tissue, throw into a lidded bin and wash hands afterwards.

**What if your child becomes unwell?**

If your child becomes unwell at any point we will telephone you to pick them up. If your child has Coronavirus symptoms we will remove your child from the group until they are picked up. Please ensure that we have **two up to date telephone numbers** of people we can contact as it is essential that anyone with coronavirus symptoms leaves the building as soon as possible.

We will be following the NHS Track and Trace guidance.

**Parents Evening**

Parents evening meetings will take place in the form of a phone call from your class teacher during the Summer Term.

**Term Dates**

INSET Days: Monday 19th April, 7th June, 28th July

The end of the Spring term is Thursday 1st April and Summer term resumes for the children on Tuesday 20th April.

**Summer Term Events -** We unfortunately do not expect that we will be able to resume our normal summer term events involving parents. However, we will hold sports day type events in school and provide all of the usual fun summer activities during the school day. Please keep an eye on Twitter to have a look at what we are doing!