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Coronavirus / Covid-19 Update – March 16th 2020

Dear Parent/Guardians,

Prior to the weekend school has received a number of calls from parents/guardians regarding the possible closure of school due to the Coronavirus / Covid-19 outbreak. We write to you this morning to provide you with the most accurate information we currently have.

The coronavirus / Covid-19 outbreak is an unprecedented situation, which is ever changing. We appreciate that planning and preparing at this time is extremely difficult and likely to change significantly over the next few weeks and months. However, as headteacher and chair of governors we will aim to keep you updated as best we can and as quickly as we can.

The current situation is that school will remain **'open'** in line with government guidelines until further notice. School is taking daily advice from Public Health Wales and for parents/guardians wishing to keep up to date this information can be found at <https://gov.wales/coronavirus> or <https://phw.nhs.wales/topics/novel-coronavirus/> or via the Wrexham County Council website who publish a daily update. (www.wrexham.gov.uk)

Whilst following up to date information from Public Health Wales school will where possible aim to run as normal as possible. However, we wish to inform parents/guardians of some of the latest information.

School Closures

A number of newspaper and television broadcasts have indicated that schools may close and 'learning packs' will be sent home for pupils to continue their learning. At present, the government have indicated that there is no proposal to close schools in the near future. Should this situation change we will of course keep you updated as soon as we have the necessary information.

With schools, not closing pupils should continue to attend school as normal. Any pupil who is not in school without a valid reason their absence will be marked as 'unauthorised'. We appreciate that pupils will have a number of illnesses non Coronavirus/Covid-19 related and we gratefully ask that parents/guardians follow the pre-established guidelines for the following illnesses –

- Sickness Bug – Please ensure your child(ren) remains off school for a 48 hour period since their last sickness episode.
- Cold /Flu – Please ensure your child has fully recovered – from any 'cold' symptoms before returning to school.

We are extremely grateful to parents/guardians who contact school in advance to inform us of a pupil absence. We ask that parents/guardians continue to use the SEESAW App, telephone message or where possible a message with a sibling to inform us of any absence. Guidelines state that any absence not 'authorised' by the end of the registration period will result in a telephone call from school.

Caretaking & Cleaning

School has initiated a number of amendments to the caretaking and cleaning procedures across school. School is following all the latest guidelines published in relation to the cleaning requirements in relation to the coronavirus / Covid-19 outbreak. Prior to the outbreak, we have always ensured a policy of 'washing hands', this practice has remained in place and has been reinforced to all pupils daily.

Parents Evening

We have made the decision to cancel this week's parents evening. This is not a decision we have taken lightly, but given the ever-changing uncertainty we are keen to focus our attention on taking more proactive steps to minimise any potential spread of the virus in school.

We empathise with those of you who may have booked time off work or arranged childcare to meet with the teachers and all we can do at this time is apologise for how this decision may affect you. We appreciate a number of parents/guardians may have already met with their child(rens) class teacher and for those who wish to receive a parents evening consultation we will aim to do so via a pre-arranged telephone conversation. However, it is the schools aim to rearrange parents evening at a suitable time, when the long term picture is a little clearer.

School Trips and Sporting events

Over the next few weeks, we have a number of pre-arranged trips and sporting events, which under current guidelines are due to, proceed as planned. We will continue to work with the relevant agencies to ensure pupil safety remains a priority. For pupils selected for sporting events we will be contacting each family directly to offer the latest information, allowing each family to make a decision about their child(rens) participation.

Coronavirus / Covid-19 Symptoms and Current Information/guidance

The most common symptoms of Coronavirus / Covid-19 are recent onset of –

- New continuous 'dry' cough and/or
- High temperature/fever
- Breathing difficulties

Key messages –

- If you have any symptoms of Coronavirus / Covid-19, however mild, stay at home and do not leave your home for 7 days from when your symptoms started.
- This action will help protect others within the local community whilst you are infectious.
- Plan ahead and ask family/friends to help get the 'items' you need to stay at home.
- Stay at least 2 meters (about 3 steps) away from other people in your home wherever possible.
- Sleep alone, if that is possible.
- Wash your hands regularly for 20 seconds, each time using soap and water.

We appreciate this communication may not answer all your queries but please rest assured we along with the relevant authorities are working as proactively as possible to minimise any potential risks and keep you as updated as possible. If you do have any queries please do not hesitate to contact school where we will do our best to answer your query as accurately as possible.

Yours sincerely



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