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Dear Parent/Carer,

Coronavirus Update- Tuesday 17th March

Thank you for your support and understanding with ongoing changes we continue to make.

Following the renewed guidance from the government yesterday, I'm writing to update you about the situation.

Please make sure we have your up to date email address so that as needed we can contact you.

I will only write/email or text if there is new information to share with you.

As you know the Government widened their advice on who should self-isolate to include everyone in a household if anyone has a temperature of 37.8 and above or a new, persistent cough. You will need to self-isolate for 14 days; this means not going to the shops, school, travel by bus, train etc. The advice is to go out for exercise but do this in open spaces where you will not see other people.

I know this is going to really impact some families. We will check in with any family who is self-isolating regularly to check that you are ok and to see if there is anything you need that we can help with.

As well as being to access some food banks we are trying to build our own in school for families that need help. If you have any tins, pasta, squash, anything to make a food parcel please send it in so that we can all help each other.

We do have members of our school community who are experiencing possible symptoms who are following government guidance to self-isolate. As you will have seen from the news some may be tested but not everyone is being tested now.

As re my previous emails and letters, please avoid spreading gossip/hearsay- it is great that members of our community are making the sensible decision to self-isolate to try and slow down the spread of the virus. With the new guidance yesterday, it is likely we will see increasing numbers of people choosing or being advised to self-isolate. This is understandable, however when people hear about self-isolation it starts to generate alarm and rumour. It is important to emphasise that self-isolation does not mean the individual concerned has a confirmed case of coronavirus. This could be you so please remember to Be Kind to each other, this will also support your children. Avoid putting staff in awkward positions by asking for information about other children, families or staff.



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Remember there are other common illnesses that children are often off with-this currently includes chicken pox. The school is continuing to do all that it can to minimise the spread with good hygiene and is following all the advice from Public Health and Herts County Council and that includes to remain open as well as adding in additional measures ourselves. I would also like to reassure you that we do have enough soap and other cleaning materials. All staff are helping with wiping surfaces regularly throughout the day and children now have their own named stationery pack to reduce sharing of equipment.

If you have queries, the DfE have opened a helpline which parents can use. Here are the contact details:-
Phone: 0800 046 8687 Email: DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk Opening hours: 8am to 6pm
(Monday to Friday)

Current guidance is available here:- <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-information-for-the-public>

Contact 111 for advice

As you know the unprecedented nature of the situation creates uncertainty and new challenges. We are doing our best to try and pre-empt situations as they arise and keep you up to date with any further information as needed.

My email address is head@oxheywood.herts.sch.uk if you have any concerns.

Further additional actions today:

If children self-isolate, we will arrange for work to be sent home for them to complete if they are well enough

Reading books- we will send a book home today and aim to send another home on Friday. Teachers will also print short stories that children can read as well. Please keep the books in a safe place at home as we will not be expecting any books to be returned at the moment.

Individual, named stationery packs for children

Circus postponed-new date 21st October

Thank you for your continued support

Best Wishes

Mrs Jenny Morley

Head teacher



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