

'Ensuring Excellence'

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**Dear Parents** 

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## Coronavirus

Over the past few weeks I have been monitoring closely the ever-changing situation regarding coronavirus. As I have said on school's social media accounts, the primary strategy being recommended for schools is to increase handwashing. We are supporting this in school with assemblies and regular reminders. We have ordered in extra supplies of soap and hand sanitizer (if there is any in stock) to meet the additional demand.

To ensure children wash their hands on entry to school, as per the advice from Public Health England, school will be open to children from 8:30am as of Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March. They need to come straight in from the playground like they would on a wet day, wash their hands and then make their way into class ready to start at 8:40am.

Over the weekend, it was announced that a school in Tamworth is closed due to a member of staff being diagnosed with Covid19. This is so the school can undertake a deep clean not as a 2 week quarantine period. Schools are being advised to stay open but we are mindful that if the government changes the status of the situation from containment to the delay phase of their action plan (available on our website in the community section) then schools may close to slow the transmission.

We are currently reviewing strategies we could use should the decision be made to close all schools. We are looking to facilitate the use of eschools to continue providing education at home. This situation is unprecedented and schools are finding themselves in uncharted territory. As part of our contingency plan, this week we are ensuring all pupils know their eschools password so they will be able to access resources in event of closure.

As I have said, this situation is constantly evolving even as I write this the status may change. I am sure you appreciate that it is a complex position to find ourselves in and we will endeavour to keep you as up to date as we can. Follow us on Twitter to ensure all the latest news reaches you. We will also be using the messaging function on eschools to be communicating with parents, so if you can ensure you can log on that will be helpful.

For now, it is business as usual just with a bit of extra handwashing.

Yours sincerely

M Cross
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