

Head Teacher: Ms Harinder Rana

Together We Achieve

Tuesday 17th March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Coronavirus Update

I am writing to provide you with an update about the latest situation at school.

At the moment we have 2 teachers and 1 support staff who we know will be absent from school tomorrow. This is in part due to a change in government advice to whole family isolation and because some colleagues who may belong to the most at risk groups need to take preventative measures. In addition, we are now entering the phase of more rapid spread of the virus.

The Health and Safety of our pupils is of paramount importance to us and we continue to ensure stringent hygiene measures at all times. At present **the school remains open**. However, this may change for one of the following reasons:

- The Government directs schools to close
- It is not safe for us to operate due to low staff numbers
- Pupil numbers make it unviable to operate the school at full capacity, therefore partial closure may be required.

As you know the situation is changing hourly and we are monitoring Public Health England and The Government's announcements regularly. In anticipation of a closure, full or partial, teachers are all geared up to set work for classes on DB Primary, and to communicate during the normal working day with our pupils through DB Primary. Clearly this will not be possible for teachers who are ill but there will certainly be general subject resources that pupils can access through DB Primary. We would greatly appreciate your support in doing what you can to ensure pupils do continue their studies during our normal working day. Whilst the date for SATs may well change, this is currently an unknown and Y1, Y2, Y4 and Y6 pupils should continue to revise and practice in anticipation of those tests happening next term.

All pupils have been provided with their log in details. If you have not received these details either via text, email or letter, please contact the school office and Mrs Magan will ensure you receive all the necessary information so that your children's learning continues as best it can during this very difficult time.

The Magic Breakfast and The Felix Project will continue to deliver to school for now. We will endeavour to make up food parcels for our most vulnerable families and distribute or send details for collection in the near future.

May I remind all parents and carers of the need for children to stay at home if you have either:

- a high temperature – you feel hot to touch on your chest or back
- a new, continuous cough – this means you've started coughing repeatedly

Please also note the following guidance and ensure we all keep to it:

- if you have symptoms, stay at home for 7 days
- if you live with other people, they should stay at home for 14 days from the day the first person got symptoms

I have copied the link below to the government website which provides the latest advice and would encourage us all to visit it regularly.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/coronavirus-covid-19-uk-government-response>

We will keep you updated as soon as possible of any changes to our routines which may be necessary because of the changing government advice.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me through the school office email or by telephone.

Thank you all for your support at this challenging time.

Yours Sincerely



Harinder Rana
Headteacher

