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Coronavirus Update

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are writing to provide you with an update with regards to Coronavirus (COVID-19). As a pre-school, we are receiving daily updates from the government on school specific advice.

The Government has announced that we are moving from the Contain phase of the coronavirus action plan and into the Delay phase, in response to the ongoing coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.

Full details of each stage in the government action plan can be found here:

- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-action-plan>

To support the delay of the spread of the virus, the Department for Health and Social Care has asked anyone who shows certain symptoms to stay at home for 7 days, regardless of whether they have travelled to affected areas. This means people should stay at home and avoid all but essential contact with others for 7 days from the point of displaying mild symptoms, to slow the spread of infection.

The symptoms are:

- A high temperature (37.8 degrees and above)
- A new, continuous cough

You do not need to call NHS 111 to stay at home. If your symptoms worsen during your stay at home period or are no better after 7 days contact NHS 111 online at 111.nhs.uk. If you have no internet access, you should call NHS 111. For a medical emergency dial 999.

Current advice remains in place: no education or children's social care setting should close in response to a suspected or confirmed COVID-19 case unless advised to do so by Public Health England.

The Chief Medical Officer has advised that the impact of closing schools on both children's education and on the workforce will be substantial, but the benefit to public health may not be. Decisions on future advice to schools will be taken based on the latest and best scientific evidence, which at this stage suggests children are a lower risk group.

Handwashing advice: The most important thing individuals can do to protect themselves is to wash their hands more often, for at least 20 seconds, with soap and water. Public Health England recommends that in addition to handwashing before eating, and after coughing and sneezing, everyone should also wash hands after using toilets and travelling on public transport.

We are covering this daily with children at circle times and staff are

Supervising hand-washing at key times through the day: before snack, before lunch and after children come in from the garden.

Disposable tissues are freely available through the preschool

Cleaning of surfaces with antibacterial sprays at the start and end of every session

These steps are in line with the advice issued by Public Health England. We are fully informed as to the steps that need to be taken should a suspected case of COVID-19 be reported, at the point of writing, there have not been any cases reported.

We will continue checking daily updates from the government and will advise you should there be a change to current advice.

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