

Information Update on COVID-19 Coronavirus

Dear Parents,

It is important for us to be prepared for all eventualities and at the same time remain professionally calm in regard to Coronavirus/COVID-19. We are staying updated daily with all the current information (or as updates develop). We are prepared.

The priority is to contain the spread of infection and following advice from the government. Frequent handwashing with hot soapy water is what we need to do. We require all parents, children, staff and visitors to wash their hands upon arrival at Nursery or use the hand sanitizer. Staff will be asking you to wash yours and your child's hands on entry to the Nursery and the rooms.

Parents should not be unduly worried about the possibility of their children catching coronavirus/COVID-19. There is no reason why children should not continue to attend their normal sessions at Nursery unless their family has been affected by the advice regarding travel to and from countries which have been affected by the outbreak (Please see below). We expect families to inform us if they have travelled to any of the countries below in the past 14 days and to self isolate whether they have symptoms or not.

Signs and symptoms of Coronavirus/COVID-19 include a cough, high temperature and shortness of breath. The incubation period is 2-14 days. Generally these symptoms are more severe in people with weakened immune systems, older people and those with long term conditions like diabetes, cancer and chronic lung disease.

If you show any of the above signs or symptoms the advice is NOT to go your GP, the hospital or pharmacy, but instead call the NHS 111 helpline and follow their advice. You must self isolate, stay indoors and have no contact with others.

Equally if you have direct contact with a person infected with a confirmed diagnosis you must self isolate immediately and call the NHS 111 helpline and follow their advice.

The countries affected include travel to and from Mainland China (particularly Wuhan and Hubei), Macau, Thailand, Taiwan, Singapore, Malaysia, Cambodia, Northern Italy (upto 8th March 2020; if travelled to the rest of Italy as at 9th March 2020 you should self isolate if you show symptoms related to coronavirus/COVID-19), Myanmar, Republic of Korea, Vietnam, Hong Kong, Japan, Iran and Laos.

Please continue to check travel updates for countries affected by Coronavirus/COVIS-19.

Should it come to the point that we move to a process of delay as prescribed by the Government we may be ordered to close the Nursery. Please note: we will not close through our own choice but would have to follow the legal requirements.

In the case of closure we will be contacting all parents. Updates will continue via our website, our emails and through our social media pages. Please continue to check these. *If you have not yet subscribed to our newsletter and bulletins and wish to do so please ask at Reception for details of how to do this.*

Kind regards,

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