

Our Ref. CW//BB

13th March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

Following a number of concerns from parents regarding the coronavirus and the effect it will have on school, I am writing to inform you that our School remains open at present and to reassure you about what we are doing to keep our school community safe.

This is an evolving situation and as such advice may change on a daily basis. Ho wever, I can assure you that school is following, and implementing, all Government guidelines, both local and national, as well as keeping up to date with the latest advice from the NHS.

www.qov.uk/coronavirus www.nhs.uk/coronavirus

What school is doing:

- Implemented a coronavirus action plan.
- Keeping up to date and following the latest advice from the Government, both national and local, with particular regard to Special Schools.
- Following the advice from the NHS on hand washing and breathing hygiene relating to coughs and colds.
- Our Health Care Coordinator is monitoring the overall health of everyone within the school and taking the
 appropriate actions when necessary.
- All pupils have taken part in hand washing and breathing hygiene lessons.
- Hand washing and breathing hygiene guidelines are reinforced daily.
- A supply of hand sanitizer and tissues are available in each classroom and residential settings.
- Pupils and staff are being encouraged to wash their hands multiple times throughout the day.
- None-essential visitors entering school has been stopped.
- Pupils are being encouraged to go outside during break times, weather permitting.

What you can do:

- Keep up to date with the latest advice by visiting the Government or NHS website on coronavirus.
- Ensure school has up to date contact details for your child.
- Reinforce hand washing and breathing hygiene with your child.
- If possible, ensure your child has their own personal supply of tissues and hand sanitizer.
- Keep up to date on how the coronavirus is affecting your local area.

If your child becomes ill with cold or flu like symptoms, involving a high temperature and a cough, please keep them at home for seven days.

I do hope this letter alleviates some of your concerns and reassures you that, as a school, we are taking all possible measures to keep your child safe and well.

If you have any further concerns or questions please do not hesitate to contact Cathy Wynne, our Health Care Coordinator, via her email cathyw@stvin.com or by phone 07950677308.

Yours faithfully

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