

13th March 2020

Dear Parents,

We will be keeping you updated throughout the coming weeks on the latest government advice about the coronavirus. In light of the advice given out yesterday we will remain open. **In order to prevent the spread of germs we ask that you support your child to wash their hands as soon as they have taken their coat off when you enter the classroom.** This will help to reduce the possibility of infection coming in from outside surfaces. It is important that not only do children wash their hands, but that they do this with plenty of soap and water for a minimum of 20 seconds. We have a washing hands song sheet available for you to use as you help your child to wash their hands. You can find these in the entrance area of school.

You may notice that the bells that children love to ring on the way into and out of nursery have been removed for the moment. This is so that children can get into classrooms and wash their hands before touching equipment. It will help to reduce the spread of any germs. The bells will return as soon as possible!



We will be continuing to ensure that the school is cleaned thoroughly each day and we will be paying particular attention to high contact surfaces, including door handles.

If your child starts to become unwell with a high temperature or cough please keep them off school for 7 days. If you, the parents and carers, become ill with a temperature or cough please arrange for someone else to drop off and collect your child for 7 days. You should also self-isolate for 7 days. This will help to reduce the spread of infection. We really appreciate your support with this. Please rest assured that keeping your children safe is our top priority!



We are looking forward to having a bit more dry weather now that Spring is well under way. Your children will be playing outside every day, so please ensure they have suitable clothing that matches the weather conditions. Wellies are ideal when the weather is wet. Please write your child's name on the inside so that we can make sure they don't get mixed up.

We will very shortly be saying goodbye to Mariya from the red room as she goes on maternity leave. We wish her well for the birth of her baby. We will let you know who her replacement will be shortly.



On Friday 3rd April we are delighted to say that all practitioners from the federation of schools will be receiving training from a highly regarded Early Years expert called Julie Fisher. Julie has written several books and has worked as a Headteacher too. We are absolutely thrilled that she will be working with us and we know this will generate lots of in depth discussions about child development and learning that all staff can use in action in the classroom.

The children will **break up** for the Easter holidays on **Thursday 2nd April**. They will **return** on **Tuesday 21st April**. Enjoy the Easter break!

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