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Coronavirus Updates

Dear Parents,

Thank you for your support so far in helping to cut down on the number of adults in school.

Here are some updates:

Drop off – All children need to be lining up by 8.45am in their class places. This morning we had several children who were late and had to come in through the front door. This really increased workload for the office staff on top of dealing with so many absence phone calls. Our doors will be closed as soon as the children in classes come in, so please can you make sure children are here on time to begin the day at 8.45am.

Pick up – Pick up went quite smoothly but we really need all parents to be on time please.

Self-isolation - We now have many of our children who are at home in self isolation. We really appreciate your support in keeping others safe by making sure you don't bring children to school who have a high temperature or a cough. Any child who is absent due to Coronavirus related self-isolation will be marked as absent for 'Exceptional Circumstances'. Please let us know if your child will not be in school.

If our school closes, Year 5 and 6 children will be given a chromebook on loan. To take a chromebook you must first fill in a loan agreement form which will go home tomorrow in preparation. This is for 'just in case'. We have no further guidance at present as to whether we will close. Year 5 and 6 children will receive a daily email of work to complete. For children in Year 3 and 4, a weekly email will go to their google email address so that you can do some tasks with your children. Key Stage 1 and EYFS staff will be in touch with parents with ideas for working at home. Please don't ask the teachers for individual work packs at this point because the staff are extremely stretched at present trying to come to terms with the daily changes that are happening in school.

We are planning now for sending work home (in the event of closure) but this will happen for classes rather than individuals.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank many of you for your kind words by email and by phone. It is a difficult time for staff and parents but we are all working together to try to keep things as normal as possible for the children.

Best wishes from all of us here!

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