

Good Morning Everyone

I hope this message finds you all well. We have had a very positive start to the term and I would like to thank everyone for working with us to enable us to get up and running again safely. It has been great to have all of the children back in bringing the happy learning buzz back to our classrooms.

As you have no doubt seen on the news infection rates in the UK have been rising and it is essential that we all continue to follow the key measures to protect ourselves and our loved ones in the coming days and weeks.

The key actions for parents and carers are:

- Clean hands thoroughly more often than usual (for families this means children must wash their hands before leaving the house to come to school in the morning and when they get home again in the afternoon.*
- Do not send children into school if they are ill or displaying symptoms of coronavirus (see attached info).*
- Ensure good respiratory hygiene by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach.*
- Follow the rules and systems for dropping off and collecting children including the use of face coverings.*

Attached to this message are two further documents for parents and carers to read that I have pulled down from the NHS website about Coronavirus in children and When to self-isolate and what to do. Please refer to these documents when determining what actions to take if your child becomes ill at home. This is the same information that we have and are using here in school.

Should you or your child start to display the symptoms of Coronavirus the web link below will take you to the website where you can book an appointment at a test site or order a home test kit:

<https://self-referral.test-for-coronavirus.service.gov.uk/antigen/name>

The last attachment are slides from training given to schools by The Department of Health & Social Care last week (these also contain links to further information and the testing website). These give information on the testing routes available and also what schools must do if we become aware of someone in our school testing positive for coronavirus.

It is essential that we all continue to be vigilant with regards to hygiene and social distancing if we are to avoid local lockdowns and to keep our schools open in the coming weeks and months.

*Keep safe
Mr D-H*