



16 March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Coronavirus

As announced by the Prime Minister, there will **NOT** be a blanket closure of schools at the moment. However, some very clear advice has been issued:

If your child shows symptoms of Coronavirus (prolonged cough and high temperature) they are to stay home for **SEVEN** days. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-people-with-confirmed-or-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection> If your child is no better after 7 days contact NHS 111.

At Mesne lea we are working through a staged and sensible risk assessment. The following measures are in place or will be implemented from Monday, 16 March 2020:

- Additional cleaning of handles and rails
- Additional access to hand washing facilities/hand sanitisers
- Hand washing demonstrations and practice – NHS video on hand washing used and discussed in class.
- We will send children home for seven days if they show symptoms, and request parents keep school informed
- We will use screening measures (thermometers) if we are worried about high temperatures
- Classroom tissues
- A reduction in carpet time
- All whole school assemblies will be cancelled this side of the Easter Holiday and rearranged for a future date
- No additional educational visits planned where children are put into spaces with large number of children from other schools.

We are taking the following measures to delay the spread of the virus and hope that parents support and understand why we are having to do this given this circumstance is unprecedented and extremely serious.

If there are any updates then I will, of course, let you know.

Please ensure the school office has current and up to date phone numbers.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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Acting Headteacher



