



Friday 13th March 2020

Coronavirus Update

Dear Parents/Carers,

Initially, we sent out the Government poster and spoke to the children in assembly, about the importance of washing/sanitizing their hands and general personal hygiene. This is a good guide to refer to and follow – please find the latest poster overleaf.

We have wanted to continue the curriculum activities, “Friends of Hester’s Way” and parent/carer events that have been planned and organised, whilst following the government guidelines, for our pupils and families.

These are the measures that we have taken in school:

- Soap is readily available in classes
- Foam soap is provided in the toilets
- A “nose blowing station” is set up in classes with tissues and sanitizers
- Sanitizer is in dispensers in the dining hall
- Posters have been put up in classes and toilet areas to remind children to wash their hands
- Staff promote hand washing at regular intervals and when needed across the day
- Cleaning has been monitored by the Local Authority, with handles and surfaces being cleaned daily

We do not want to over worry children or cause any alarm, as these are general hygiene measures that we promote and use, every-day. However, we have increased vigilance and heightened its priority. We are getting regular updates from Public Health and the Department for Education about the current situation regarding Coronavirus. Each day the advice and guidance is changing.

The guidance will be followed from The Public Health department, as and when needed with regards to any symptoms, shared information or potential closure of school. At the moment, we have not heard any updates about closure. Many of you are keeping up to date with the News as it is broadcast and are following the Public Health updates: <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/coronavirus-covid-19-list-of-guidance>. Also, the NHS updates: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>.

As a precautionary measure, in case we do need to close, we would like you to know that we will contact you via text. Please ensure that we have your up to date phone number in the office. This can be given to the office staff or emailed to admin@hestersway.gloucs.sch.uk. We will also use Facebook. Work and activity pages can be posted on the website. Teachers would have been preparing some homework for the Easter break, so we are preparing these earlier and these will be sent home with books, if or when we do close.

Please continue to talk to staff if you have any concerns.

Kind regards,

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