

Friday 13th March 2020



CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

As you will be aware the government has moved to stage two of the Coronavirus response. This means that there is a potential for school closures at some point in the future. We want to reassure you that as a school we are preparing for this eventuality and are currently exploring different options to support children learning at home.

We are looking to use some free online learning platforms that require no log in. Your child will be able to access these through the year team folder on the school website and your child's class teacher will communicate what needs to be done on a weekly basis. As always reading is a priority and we would expect all children to be reading on a daily basis.

There will be an expectation that children complete the work set by their class teacher each week. However, our ability to provide learning matched to every child's need and attainment is a going to be impossible, so we ask parents to exercise common sense and judgement when supporting their child with the work.

We are also providing each child in school with an exercise book from which to work from and are happy to provide pens and pencils if this is needed.

In the eventuality of any closure, we will communicate any key messages through the following channels of communication: text, email, website (we will have a dedicated page under the parents tab on the homepage -) Therefore, It is vital that we have your up to date contact details, including email address.

As a school, our key focus is still on maintaining a virus free environment and as such, we have implemented further cleaning procedures and are ensuring that children regularly wash their hands. We ask for your continued support in reminding the children about good hand hygiene and to catch sneezes and coughs through the 'Catch it, Bin it, Kill it' strategy.

Based on the recent guidance from the government if your child has a new continuous cough and/or a high temperature; do not send them to school. Instead

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they should stay at home not leave the house for 7 days from when the symptoms started. If a child show signs of the coronavirus in school we will contact parents and ask them to take their child home.

We will keep you updated as necessary.

Kind regards
Michael Watson (Headteacher)

Some useful links

School website: <https://www.huntersbarjunior.co.uk/web>

Public Health England, Stay at home guidance:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>

BBC Website, Coronavirus, what should I do? <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-51711227>

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