

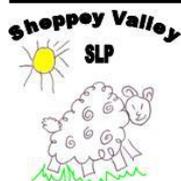
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Acting Head of School -  
Mr William Moore



Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March

Dear Parents,

## COVID – 19 (Coronavirus)

This is an unprecedented situation which the country finds itself and due to the rapidly changing situation it is difficult to make firm plans as to what might happen and how we would react. However, I do feel that there are scenarios which we can predict and which it might be wise for families to consider and plan for.

### School Closure

Closure could be for a number of reasons – being instructed to by an agency such as Public Health England, not having sufficient staffing to open safely or to have a deep clean.

The teachers are discussing how to provide learning which can be completed at home. Obviously, the decision to close is not taken lightly but could happen in the weeks ahead. We will notify parents of school closure in the usual way – via email. **We will be introducing another email route via ParentPay (details attached) so will be asking parents to activate their accounts as soon as, once they receive their activation letter.**

There may also be a scenario when we have a partial closure in which case children may find they are being taught by adults who are not their usual teachers.

### Hot meals

We have talked with our hot meal providers to enquire about their ability to function if key staff were absent but it may be that we have to ask all families to provide a packed lunch for their child if the hot meals are unable to be cooked or delivered in the event of a local outbreak.

### Hand hygiene

On Monday, Mr Moore led an assembly which focused on coughing, sneezing and washing hands. We are encouraging everyone who enters and leaves our site to wash their hands on arrival and before they leave. We are also asking all staff to model and support the message to pupils regarding basic personal hygiene - catch it, bin it, kill it with 20 seconds of thorough hand washing; please support us in continuing this at home.

**Named Water Bottles** – Given the current recommendations regarding Coronavirus, we feel it would be prudent for the children to have a named water bottle in their classes for use during the day, rather than using school cups which can accidentally get used by other children.

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There are families for whom this virus poses a significant risk to their health. Therefore, I am requesting that everyone proceeds with caution and informs the school at the earliest opportunity if they feel that a family member may have contracted the illness. This is especially important if you went abroad over the half term break and may have come into contact with the virus. The Gov.UK website below has a map which shows the areas which are high risk.

**For further information please check: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public> or Department for Education Coronavirus helpline to answer questions about COVID-19 related to education. Staff, parents and young people can contact the helpline as follows: Phone: 0800 046 8687 Email: [DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk](mailto:DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk) Opening hours: 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday)**

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If you have any queries in the meantime please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Yours sincerely

Bill Moore  
Acting Head of School (Croscombe)