



16th March 2020

Re. Covid-19

Dear Parents,

I am writing to update you with some information about the Covid-19 and the school's response.

I receive daily updates from the DfE and as it stands the focus is on delaying the spread of the virus through good hand hygiene and self-isolation for 7 days for anyone showing symptoms of the virus – that is a new continuous cough, a high temperature of 37.8 degrees or more. If any of these symptoms apply to your child please do follow government guidance. There is no recommendation that self-isolation needs to occur for any other reason. The Department for Education are also clear that schools should not close unless told to do so by Public Health England.

Despite there being no official guidance about stopping certain school activities, I do believe that we need to be sensible and look after each other as best we can. Because of this we have decided to:

- Parents for the foreseeable future are no longer able to accompany their children into the classrooms for soft start and end, please drop and collect them at the classroom entrance.
- Invite only parents who have children receiving certificates to lovely hat collectives;
- **Make parents evenings this week telephone consultations.**

Instead of coming into school for parent/carer consultation evenings our teachers will phone you and provide a short telephone consultation at around the time of your appointment. **Please do not come into school.** If the teacher is unable to get through to you I am afraid we will not be able to guarantee another consultation slot.

- Continue enforced hand washing according to government guidance:

Pupils, students, staff and visitors should wash their hands:

- before leaving home
- on arrival at school

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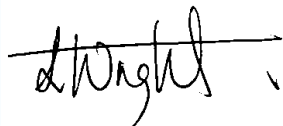
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- after using the toilet
- after breaks and sporting activities
- before food preparation
- before eating any food, including snacks
- before leaving school

I will continue to update you if there are any other updates.

Yours sincerely,



Mr. Wright

(Principal, Hope Community School Southampton)