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Dear Parents,

COVID-19 Guidance: Seeking clarity and reassurance for all at Glusburn Community Primary School.

As in the Summer term, I am seeking to clarify and reassure parents and staff regarding how the school will prepare, manage and react to COVID-19. There is an abundance of information online, in the news and from the Government. I have tried to summarise the key points in relation to what the information means for our school: pupils, parents and staff.

DFE guidance in *italics* summarised from:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/918525/What_to_do_if_a_pupil_is_displaying_symptoms_of_coronavirus_COVID-19_Schools.pdf

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/906663/20203007_Easy_read_household_isolation_v3.1.pdf

What will school do if a child becomes unwell in school with possible COVID-19 and what actions will the school take?

If anyone in school becomes unwell with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature, or has a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia), they will be sent home and be advised to follow

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

This sets out that they must:

- self-isolate for at least 10 days
- arrange to have a test to see if they have coronavirus (COVID-19)

What actions will the school take?

1. In an emergency, we will call 999 if the child / adult are seriously ill or injured or their life is at risk.
2. Call parents/legal guardian to collect pupil and take them home. Advise them that all household members will need to isolate and refer them to the guidance for <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>
3. While the pupil is awaiting collection, we will move them to an isolated room and open a window for ventilation.
4. Staff caring for a pupil while they are awaiting collection should maintain 2 metre distancing. If not possible, for example with a young child, they should wear suitable PPE.
5. Staff/other pupils who have had contact with the symptomatic pupil must wash their hands thoroughly for 20 seconds.
6. When parents/legal guardian pick up the pupil, they will be advised to get the pupil tested and notify school of the results.
7. Once the pupil has left the premises, thoroughly disinfect/clean all surfaces and contact points they came into contact with (including the bathroom if used).

What will school do if a pupil / adult tests positive for coronavirus?

1. We will take swift action when we become aware that someone who has attended our school has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19).
2. We will contact the DfE Helpline on 0800 046 8687 and select option 1 for advice on the action to take in response to a positive case. If, following triage, further expert advice is required the adviser will escalate the call to the local health protection team (HPT).
3. The HPT will work with the school to carry out a rapid risk assessment and identify appropriate next steps. This **could** include asking groups / classes of children to self-isolate.
4. For pupils who are isolating, they will have access to remote provision so that they can continue to learn remotely.
5. A template letter will be provided to schools, on the advice of the health protection team, to send to parents and staff.
6. School will not share the names of people with coronavirus (COVID-19) unless essential to protect others.

What to do if your child, you or someone you share your home with has coronavirus symptoms?

If you have any coronavirus symptoms you should stay at home for 10 days. (Visit the NHS website for advice regarding symptoms). Do not go to a GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital unless it is an emergency.

In an emergency dial 999.

Book a test as soon as possible.

To do this visit the NHS website or call 119.

What will happen and what to do if your test shows you have coronavirus?

If your test shows you have coronavirus, you will be contacted by text, email or phone and will be asked to provide information about the people you have been close to recently.

After 10 days if you still have a high temperature, you must stay home and away from people until you feel better.

After 10 days if you **only** have a cough and/or loss of sense of taste or smell you don't have to stay home and away from people any more.

Everyone else you share your house with must still stay home because they might have caught the virus but not be showing symptoms yet.

They must stay at home for 14 days from the first day you felt poorly even if they feel well.

What if someone we share our home with has signs of coronavirus?

You should stay at home for 14 days: this is whether you have coronavirus symptoms or not.

This will affect siblings in other classes and year groups. For pupils who are isolating, they will have access to remote provision so that they can continue to learn remotely.

If you then start to have coronavirus symptoms yourself, you should stay at home and not meet up with other people for 10 days from when your symptoms started.

Follow the link below for more guidance:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/906663/20203007_Easy_read_household_isolation_v3.1.pdf

In summary, clarifying the DfE and Government guidance that the school must follow:

- Symptoms of coronavirus are: a high temperature; a new cough where you keep on coughing; losing or there being a change to your sense of smell or taste.
- If you or your child has any coronavirus symptoms you should stay at home for 10 days and book a test.
- Everyone else in the house should stay home because they might have caught the virus but not be showing symptoms yet. They must stay at home for 14 days from the first day you or your child felt poorly even if they feel well.
- If children are absent from school because of issues relating to COVID-19 then please inform the school office as for all absences.
- For pupils who are isolating, they will have access to remote provision so that they can continue to learn remotely.
**children who are absent through other illness will not be sent work home – the child is ill and not self-isolating, it would be very unfair to expect the child to complete school work from their sick-bed.*

Hands, Face, Space campaign

A new public information campaign has been launched ahead of winter to highlight how everyone can help to stop the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19). The Prime Minister has launched the '[Hands, Face, Space](#)' campaign urging the public to continue to wash their hands, cover their face and make space to control infection rates and avoid a second peak. Coronavirus (COVID-19) is an easy virus to kill when it is on skin. It is essential that everyone washes their hands more often, using soap and water for at least 20 seconds. In school we continue to ensure that staff and pupils clean their hands regularly, including when they arrive, when they return from breaks, when they change rooms and before and after eating.

Parents' evening

Unfortunately it will not be possible to operate Parents' Evening in our usual way this year. However we still feel it is important to communicate with all parents regarding how well their children have settled into school this Autumn term.

Parents will receive a short written account from their class teacher summarising how their child has settled into class and notifying parents of any immediate concerns. These will be delivered on the evening of **7th October via Dojo by 7pm.**

We are also giving parents the opportunity to raise any concerns - prior to the sending of the teachers' message - so that they can be addressed and commented upon; shaping the individual response.

If parents have any concerns please send via Dojo to teachers by Wednesday 30th September.

This allows my staff one week to prepare a response. Please only message the class teacher if you have any serious concerns about your child's learning, this process should not be used to discuss other issues such as lost property.

The process:

By Wednesday 30th September: Notify class teacher of any relevant settling in concerns via Dojo.

Wednesday 30th September – Tuesday 6th October: teachers will prepare their summary report for each child.

Wednesday 7th October: Parents' Evening, each child to receive a summary report - sent via Dojo before 7pm.

Please note that staff will not be able to comment via an online conversation on the evening.

Should parents have any further concerns, please contact the school office or Dojo the class teacher **AFTER 7th October.**

Seesaw: home learning tool.

Seesaw is an interactive app/website where tasks can be set and children can respond within the app using written, audio or video recorded responses. Teachers can then see home-learning and provide feedback.

This software will provide a platform for pupils who are isolating due to COVID-19, they will have access to remote provision so that they can continue to learn remotely.

Teachers have been asked to set-up their 'Seesaw class' and provide access codes to parents **by Friday 2nd October.**

These will be issued individually via Dojo so watch out for the code arriving in the next two weeks.

Macmillan Coffee morning

This will be lower key than usual due to covid-19. We will not be hosting a coffee morning, nor bringing in items from home such as cakes/buns or accepting cash. We will instead hold a non-uniform day with charitable donations made via ParentPay. We would like children to wear green, reflecting the colours of the charity. There will be a virtual whole school assembly, combined with singing from class 10 (In The Autumn). It is intended that we will host the assembly to allow parents to access from home – with their cup of coffee! Contributions to the charity can be made now via ParentPay, with 100% going to the cause.

Music Mark Award

Some positive news: sing when we're winning!

I am pleased to announce that the school has been awarded the "Music Mark School" award. Our school was nominated by the North Yorkshire School's Music Hub, who believe we have shown a commitment to providing high-quality music education. This means beginning to incorporate more music into the curriculum, having extra-curricular music groups, and having a highly active music department. The local music service has recognised our school's commitment to music and wanted to celebrate it.

Well done all and thank you Mr Clayton and Mrs Barrett and all of our musical ensemble.

Keen-eyed parents may have stepped across the Music Mark icon stamped on the footer of the page.

Have a great weekend everyone.

Richard Hunt



Headteacher

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