



Dear all,

We are very much aware of the growing concerns around coronavirus (Covid-19) and we are following carefully the guidance from the Public Health Agency:

<https://www.publichealth.hscni.net/news/covid-19-coronavirus>

During the week I spoke with each class regarding personal hygiene individually and again at assembly today. I would appreciate you spending some time at home reinforcing these key points.

- Washing your hands often – with soap and water, or use alcohol sanitiser if handwashing facilities are not available. Very important after using public transport.
- Covering your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throwing the tissue in a bin and washing hands. Do not share tissues.

- All children, pupils, staff and visitors should wash their hands
 - ❖ Before leaving home
 - ❖ On arrival at school
 - ❖ After using the toilet
 - ❖ After breaks and sporting activities
 - ❖ Before food preparation
 - ❖ Before eating any food, including snacks
 - ❖ Before leaving school
 - ❖ Use an alcohol-based sanitiser that contains at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available
 - ❖ Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands
 - ❖ Avoid close contact with people who are unwell
 - ❖ Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces

Remember to ensure all of your children are using tissues when necessary and are able to independently wipe their noses and wash their hands properly.

If you are worried about your symptoms or those of a child or colleague, call NHS 111. Do not go directly to your GP or other healthcare environment. **People who feel unwell should stay at home and should not attend work or any education setting.**

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With all this in mind I am cancelling Monday's Speech and Drama for parents/grandparents. As pupils have put so much effort into practicing I don't want to cancel on them so they will perform as normal and I will record pupils' performances and upload to See-Saw for parents to see. Swimming and our visits with Spa Primary School are also cancelled for the next few weeks. The Drama Club trip to the Lyric Theatre and the Digital Leader trip to the Apple Centre is also cancelled. Starting on Monday please drop and collect all pupils from the main school entrance.

Going home today, all pupils will have their logins for Bug Club and Mathletics in the event that we are forced to close. Teachers can update these with activities throughout the school closure if required.

May I take this opportunity to thank all in our school community for their continuing support and assure everyone that we will do all in our power to support our young people in their health and their studies at this time.

Many thanks for your help and support.
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