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Dear Parents/Carers

COVID-19

We receive regular updates from Hampshire County Council, the NHS and the Department for Education. As you will be aware, there are lots of things in the press about schools closing. At the current time, we have **NOT** received any directive telling us to close. We are therefore open as usual unless we were to be told otherwise. If we had to close the school, we would send out a letter or ParentMail informing you of this decision. Please can I ask that you do not telephone the school office to ask if we are closing as this is stopping office staff from dealing with other enquiries, we will inform you if this situation were to arise.

I am writing to let you know that the school is continuing to follow the national guidance that has been issued for educational settings. This includes additional handwashing whilst in school. Please can we request that you do not send in hand sanitiser as we want all children to wash their hands thoroughly with soap and water. Please can we also request that you get them to wash their hands when they return home at the end of the day.

Please can you also ensure that you send your child to school with a water bottle as we are discouraging the sharing of cups in class as we are not able to effectively clean them. Cups used for Beehive and at lunch have been thoroughly cleaned and possess no threat to the children.

The latest accurate information on Coronavirus (COVID-19), including the current situation in the UK and details about the virus and its symptoms, can be found at www.nhs.uk/coronavirus.

The children have lots of questions and misconceptions about this virus. As a school, we have discussed and agreed that the best way to deal with this is through circle time and PSHE lessons. In this way we can ease any worries the children may have and share the importance of good hygiene, which includes a reduction in physical contact with each other.

Yours sincerely

Mrs L A de Carteret
Headteacher