



Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

With regard to the latest news from the Government concerning Coronavirus, we wanted to give parents a brief update on the schools' actions.

All three schools – CKIS, CKJS and Balcarras are in regular contact about the situation and have contingency plans in place.

Schools receive a daily update from the Department of Education reiterating guidance and sharing useful resources. Ultimately, we will continue to follow and act on the advice set out by the Government and agencies such as the NHS and Public Health England. Please see the NHS website or 111 online.

The current guidance is for individuals to self-isolate for 7 days if they have a temperature over 37.8°C or a new continuous persistent cough.

We have been continually advised that personal hygiene is the most important way we can tackle COVID-19, especially washing hands more; and the catch it, bin it, kill it strategy for those with coughs and sneezes.

In classes, soap dispensers are routinely checked throughout the day and these are available in the classrooms and practical areas, as well as toilets. We have also purchased additional tissues for the classrooms and communal areas for staff and pupils to use as well as hand sanitiser for use in certain parts of the building.

Teachers continue to discuss the importance of handwashing with their classes and there are reminder posters throughout the school. Children are asked to wash their hands on a more regular basis for example; as they arrive at school, before eating, after using the toilet and after sports/outside play.

We hope that parents feel reassured that the schools are taking the necessary action in line with official guidance and will continue to update parents when further information is received.

With best wishes

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Katie James  
CKIS Head Teacher

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Lee Pajak  
CKJS Executive Head Teacher