

**Coronavirus update**

16<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parents,

Following a letter from Mrs Plews, NSAT CEO, I am writing regarding the changes we are making at New Park to ensure the health of all. We are committed to remaining open unless we are instructed otherwise by the government.

**What we are doing in school:**

- Children will be washing their hands five times throughout the day; on arrival, after break, before and after lunch, and before going home
- All upcoming parent events, exhibitions, and swimming lessons have been postponed
- Assemblies will continue but we will not be inviting parents in to our Friday celebration assemblies for the time being
- Parents of children in Nursery and Reception should drop their children off at the classroom doors instead of coming into the building
- Breakfast and after-school clubs will continue to run whilst school is open

**What we are asking from you:**

- Make sure your children wash their hands when they get home
- If your child develops symptoms, they should self-isolate at home for seven days. Siblings are welcome to attend school unless they also develop symptoms
  - The symptoms are:
    - A high temperature (37.8 degrees and above)
    - A new, continuous cough
- If your child develops these symptoms during the school day, we will ring you and ask you to come and collect your child as soon as possible and keep them at home for seven days

In the event of school staff needing to self-isolate, we may double-up class sizes temporarily to avoid closing. If school is instructed to close, we will send children home with schoolwork and place links to activities and tasks on the school website.

I will continue to update you as and when further information becomes available. At all times we will follow advice from Public Health England and I urge you to keep yourselves informed of current guidance <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/public-health-england>

Yours sincerely,

Mr Mold

(This letter and any further updates will be uploaded to our website under the “parents and carers” tab)