



Head Teacher: Lucy Rodgers

Deputy Head: Wendy Wayland

16<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Given that the Government has now moved the status of their Coronavirus Action Plan from Contain to Delay, we have as a school made the decision to take additional precautions.

From today, and for at least the remainder of this term, we will be cancelling or postponing all events that require parents to come into school. We will also be postponing or cancelling any trips, off site sporting fixtures and social events such as our annual Film Night. We will be releasing a complete list of all events that have been affected tomorrow; for now we would hope you respect this decision, which we have not taken lightly. We will continue to send regular updates, as and when the situation changes.

The latest government advice is that children should stay at home and avoid all but essential contact with others for 7 days if they start to display either of the following symptoms:

- A high temperature (37.8 degrees and above)
- A new, continuous cough.

Please inform the school office should you need to act upon the above advice.

The most effective precaution children and adults can take is to regularly wash their hands and we would remind you that for children coming to school that means washing 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



Clovelly Avenue, Colindale, London NW9 6DT  
Email: [office@colindale.barnetmail.net](mailto:office@colindale.barnetmail.net)

Tel: 020 8205 8706 Fax: 020 8200 9859  
Web: [www.colindale.barnet.sch.uk](http://www.colindale.barnet.sch.uk)



Head Teacher: Lucy Rodgers

Deputy Head: Wendy Wayland

We have noticed that this frequent hand washing is affecting some children's skin, making it very dry and uncomfortable. If you wish to send your child into school with non-perfumed hand cream or moisturiser, please do so. Should you wish to, please remember to mark any container with your child's name and class.

We have received no indication from the DfE that schools will be closed and have no plans to do so independently. For parents and carers with concerns or questions about COVID-19 in relation to education and children's social care, the DfE special helpline details are as follows:-

**Phone: 0800 046 8687**

**Email: [DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk](mailto:DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk)**

**Opening hours: 8am to 6pm (Mon – Fri)**

We will continue to issue regular updates via text and letter.

Best regards

Lucy Rodgers  
Headteacher



Clovelly Avenue, Colindale, London NW9 6DT  
Email: [office@colindale.barnetmail.net](mailto:office@colindale.barnetmail.net)

Tel: 020 8205 8706 Fax: 020 8200 9859  
Web: [www.colindale.barnet.sch.uk](http://www.colindale.barnet.sch.uk)