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## **COVID-19**

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

Following a number of queries over the last few days regarding concerns about Coronavirus and the Government's consultations yesterday we thought it would be wise to write to you to outline our current position. Guidelines at the moment are quite fluid but please rest assured that we are following all recommendations from the Government / Department for Education.

We are open and operating as normal and will continue to do so until advised otherwise. We have however taken the decision, in the best interest of the health and wellbeing of the children and their family members to cancel the Mother's Day celebration afternoon on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March. We hope that we will be able to rearrange a new celebration later in the year.

However, the following new procedure will be put into place with immediate effect: Please do not send your child/children into Pre-school if they have a temperature of 37.8 or above. Children that develop a temperature during their session will need to be collected immediately.

Children should remain at home for 7 days.

Please do not send your child/ren in if they have a persistent cough or develop a new cough. Children should remain at home for 7 days.

We appreciate that these new measures may cause some inconvenience to parents/carers but during these uncertain times we have to follow government advice and do everything we can to contain this disease.

Could you please take some time, if you have not done so already, to talk to your children about the importance of washing their hands properly. This is something we routinely do in Pre-School. For guidance on this please follow the recommendations given to protect yourselves and your children as per the NHS website:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

There is a dedicated Department for Education coronavirus helpline that is available to answer questions about COVID-19 relating to education and children's social care, the details for this are:

Phone: 0800 046 8687. Opening hours: 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday).

We will continue to monitor the situation closely and will update you with any additional relevant information when we have it.

Yours Sincerely,

Diana Scott (Pre-school Manager) & Chris O'Dwyer (Chairperson)