



Tannery Drift First School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Coronavirus Update: 18th March 2020

While we continue to follow Government guidance and plan ahead for any future changes to the day-to-day running of School we would like to update you on the following.

At present 7 members of staff are absent and this figure is likely to increase over the next few days.

Parents in healthcare and emergency services

In order to help the current situation and plan for future changes, if you work in the healthcare sector (paramedic, nurse, health practitioner, doctor) or emergency services (fire, police), please do let us know and we will make arrangements to accommodate your child wherever possible in the event of adverse changes to the School day. Please email admin@tannerydrift.herts.sch.uk with your child's name, their class and your job role.

Library

In order to reduce time spent in small spaces and manage staffing across the school site effectively, we will be limiting library visits with immediate effect. An alternative to coordinating the changing of books is being arranged where staffing allows.

Nursery

We are working to limit additional visitors to the School and as such we would like to ask that if your child is confident to go into Nursery without you and instead be helped by a member of staff, please drop them at the door and do not enter the building. We understand this will not be possible for all children and will operate a protocol of 'one in, one out' in this instance.

Keeping the children informed

We have spoken to the children today to help them understand what coronavirus is and the current situation, covering:

- Age-appropriate explanations of what the virus is;
- Reminders about what we can do to stay healthy;
- What is being done nationally, such as working from home;
- Understand that they may have to learn at home for a while;
- Share ideas about what they can do to help their family while at home.

Social distancing for groups at risk

A number of people in our school community fall under the higher risk category as outlined by the Government. If you or a member of your household falls under one of these categories it is recommended that you self-isolate for 14 days.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-social-distancing-and-for-vulnerable-people/guidance-on-social-distancing-for-everyone-in-the-uk-and-protecting-older-people-and-vulnerable-adults>

I would like to thank all parents and carers who have contacted us with messages of support – these are greatly appreciated. Thank you all for your continued understanding at this challenging and unprecedented time.

Kind regards,

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