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Dear Parents and Carers

You will have recently received a letter from Mr Chris Huscroft, CEO of Swanland Education Trust, detailing the Trust's response to COVID-19. In his letter, it stated that our school would write to you specifically about details of how we will deal with this current situation.

Firstly, our website now has a section under the 'Parents' tab. This 'section' will be where we share ALL communication in relation to COVID-19. Further details will be posted on this page as and when the information becomes available to us. We will send out a text letting contacts know when there are any updates in order that you can check the site. This page also displays frequently asked questions.

Educational Visits

Plans for upcoming trips this term have been put on hold so we currently have none planned. Latest DfE advice is that domestic trips are NOT being advised against. Please see below.

1.2 Domestic trips for children under 18 organised by educational settings

The Department for Education is not currently advising against domestic trips (residential and non-residential) for children under 18 organised by educational settings. However, educational settings should refresh their risk assessments to take into account the [latest health advice](#) and ensure measures are in place and agreed with parents in case children or adult supervisors believe they have been exposed to COVID-19 and exhibit symptoms that require self-isolation.

Cranedale Residential

With the above in mind, we have refreshed our risk assessment and share below the assurances we have been given by the centre as to what action they are taking.

Having been contacted by the Centre's Director, he has informed us that on the advice and guidance of Public Health England, the centre has been told to operate as usual.

- The centre are asking schools to ensure that all children who will be in attendance. have not had any symptoms of COVID-19 before they leave for the centre.
- They have arrangements in place if anyone develops symptoms and should need to self-isolate whilst at the centre.
- The centre is undergoing additional high level cleans using 'Enov H080 UltraSan Antibacterial Cleaner' across its site, especially 'high contact' areas like table surfaces, door handles, washrooms etc.

As our schools will be the only ones in attendance at the centre we are therefore planning, at this moment, to continue with the visit. Obviously, things are changing rapidly and should there be any change, our decision will be reflected accordingly.

Class 3 production

Unfortunately, Class 3's production has had to be postponed. We hope to give them the opportunity to undertake the play in the Summer Term.

Easter Assembly

The Easter assembly has been cancelled.

After school Clubs

Whilst the school is still operating, after school clubs will continue to take place as normal. If you wish, you can opt your children out of these. Please contact the office if you wish to opt your child out.

PTA

The PTA currently have a number of events and fundraisers. A separate letter from the PTA will be sent out today with their updates.

When to stay away from school

- The Government has instructed that anyone (staff or pupils) who develop a new, persistent cough and/or temperature above 37.8 degrees Celsius MUST stay away from school for a period of 14 days from the onset; even if they should feel better.
- Staff or visitors to the school must declare if they have had or develop any symptoms.
- We will be sending home any staff member or child who develops a new, persistent cough and/or temperature, and they must also stay away from school for the following 14 days.
- If your child feels better, we can send some work home for them to do whilst they complete the 14 days isolation.
- Should any changes to this information occur, we will notify you as soon as possible.

Following advice from the latest government announcement, we would like to reiterate the important point that "Anyone who lives with someone who has a cough or a temperature should stay at home for 14 days". Please continue to see the website for further updates.

Just to reassure you we are taking careful precautions in and around school. This includes extra hand washing and extra attention to cleaning particularly highly used areas.

At present, we have asked staff to think about and begin preparation for home learning, in the eventuality that the decision is made to close the school. In the first instance this work will be provided to your child to bring home. As time progresses there may be a need to provide some extra work which will be provided via the school's website and online learning. It would support us greatly if all parents were connected to Seesaw so we can put any work information onto this platform. Those parents who are not already connected should have received a Seesaw invite and it would be appreciated if you could accept this invite. For those who it is not possible to access the information online, we will provide alternative arrangements. Could you please inform us as soon as possible if this is the case so we can start to put measurements in place. Further details of this will be provided as and when this is necessary.

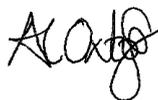
Where possible, we ask that parents contact school via the telephone or email and avoid entering the school building. The nature of this situation is one of 'unknown territory' and as such we are having to deal with things on a case by case basis. Please do bear with us whilst we navigate our way through the situation and be assured we take the safety of children very seriously and endeavour to do our very best.

Thank you for your support with this matter, now and in the future.

Kind regards



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