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Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to provide you with an update about action we are taking in relation to COVID-19 Coronavirus. As a school, we are receiving daily updates from the Department for Education (DfE) on the Government's response. The action plan sets out a four-phased approach in response to Coronavirus – Contain, Delay, Mitigate and Research, based on the latest scientific evidence. It can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-action-plan> and updates on Coronavirus can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

The UK is moving into the 'Delay' stage and this is all about slowing the spread of the virus. The DfE have launched a helpline to manage the flow of increasing queries from providers, parents and young people. The helpline number is: 0800 046 8687. Opening hours: 8am to 6pm Monday to Friday.

Key advice is:

- Wash your hands more often for 20 seconds with soap and hot water. Watch this short NHS film for guidance: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bQCP7waTRWU&feature=youtu.be>
- Teach young children how to wash their hands with the NHS handwashing song: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S9VjeIWLnEq>

We have put our own risk assessment in place and as well as increasing hygiene procedures, have considered continuation of learning if schools have to close.

If you are not yet signed up to ParentMail then please contact the school office so that we can send you a link to register, as this will be our main form of communication in the event of a closure, along with our school website. I would also encourage you to follow us on Twitter @Summerleahearts either by setting up an account or via the homepage on our website.

On our website, we have set up an area to access activities that can be completed at home in case of school closure for a prolonged period. Visit <https://www.summerlea.w-sussex.sch.uk/> > Learning Zone > Continuation of Learning and then select the relevant year group. Content will only be populated if we are closed and we will notify parents when this has been updated.



Please also check that your child's MyMaths login is working and speak to their class teacher if you need any help with this.

If you do not have internet access at home, or through a mobile phone, then please let your child's class teacher know.

A reminder that anyone with a temperature of 37.8°C or more should stay at home and self-isolate for seven days, and similarly anyone with a new persistent cough. Children may bring anti-bacterial gel into school for personal use only. This must be named and kept in their bag or drawer.

Thank you for your support at this difficult and uncertain time.

If you have any questions, or concerns, please do not hesitate to speak to us.

Yours sincerely

Helen Morris

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