

## CoronaVirus Update- 11th March 2020

Dear Families



Grandpont continues to follow the advice we receive daily from Public Health England regarding our response to the coronavirus outbreak. The guidance is clear that schools should remain open as usual and take precautions, such as encouraging regular and thorough hand-washing, whilst carrying on as usual and providing reassurance for our young people. Here are some useful links for you and some that you might like to share with your children on good handwashing practices;

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/watch/something-special-washing-hands-song>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/p07bjh2g/teddles-dont-forget-to-wash-your-hands>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bQCP7waTRWU&feature=youtu.be>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S9VjeIWLnEg>

We have discussed our priorities with our team and we are ensuring that soap is always available and that hand sanitizer is also used regularly within the nursery by adults and children. The children are being taken to wash their hands with support several times a day. You may wish to provide your child with a squirt of hand sanitizer before they enter the nursery.

Of course, we very much hope that there will be no disruption to nursery life, However, we are considering contingency plans should schools and early years settings be asked to close for a period of time. These plans include preparing various resources and activities that could be shared electronically with you for you and your children to access.

Please can I ask for your support in ensuring that we have your current contact details on record including, ideally, a contact email address. If you need to update contact details please do this by emailing Nicky or Aga at [office@grandpontnurseryschool.co.uk](mailto:office@grandpontnurseryschool.co.uk)

For the moment, the government guidance remains that children and staff should come into school and nursery every day as normal. Only in the event of students displaying a combination of symptoms, including a high temperature, cough and breathlessness, should

they remain at home and self-isolate for 14 days. Please do seek advice by calling the NHS non-emergency helpline on 111 should you have any concerns. Should this advice change then we will update you.

If you require further advice on travel outside the country you can find it here;

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/travel-advice-novel-coronavirus>

As you will appreciate, this is a fast-changing situation and we will do our best to be responsive and to keep you updated as and when guidance changes.

With many thanks for your support during this difficult time.

Lisa Fern and the Grandpont Team.