



# Connaught

## Junior School

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Dear Connaught Parents,

As your Headteacher, it is my job to keep my staff, our children and your families as safe as possible. Our Prime Minister has made the decision not to shut schools due to the Coronavirus and so we will be open as usual and keeping the school day as normal as possible for our Connaught children. However, after discussions over the weekend with my senior leadership team, I have made some decisions regarding changes to the next few weeks.

### **Sickness**

At the moment the guidance is that people should self-isolate for 7 days if they display any of the symptoms of the virus. I would urge you to keep your children off school if in doubt. As I promised to be transparent and keep you informed, I will tell you that I have heard from two members of staff today who are displaying flu-like symptoms. They will be staying away from school for 7 days. If you, your child or a member of your family has been in contact with someone who has a positive diagnosis of the coronavirus please let school know immediately and seek medical advice about whether they should be coming into school.

### **Parent's Evening**

Parents' Evening will continue as normal except that we are moving it from the hall to the classrooms – details to follow. With the increased traffic in the school, I would urge all parents to:

- Use the hand sanitiser when you enter and leave the building.
- Not arrive too early before your meeting or linger in the building at the end.
- Stick to time! Please do not run over your allocated 10 minutes.

If you would rather stay away, I completely understand. The teachers always make notes and these can be emailed to you.

We will not be offering a crèche on this occasion so if you need to bring your children, they can wait outside the classrooms on chairs provided.

### **The school day**

We are putting additional measures in place at school to minimise the risk of picking up the virus. This will be through children not being exposed to large numbers of other children in assemblies and at break and lunch times. If you would like to send your child in with their wellies in a plastic bag, we will be able to make more use of the school field, giving the children extra space in which to play. Hygiene measures will continue as before. If your child is experiencing sore, dry hands because of the extra hand washing, please feel free to send them in with hand cream for dry skin or speak to us about using what we have in school (Oilatum).

I am sure I don't need to tell you that the events unfolding in front of our eyes on the news have never been seen before. However, we will keep calm and carry on! My commitment to you is that we will keep

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things as normal and stress free as possible for your children and to look after them in the best way that we can.

Thank you for your continued support during these difficult times.

Kind Regards

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