



# Newsletter ~ 12 March 2020

*Message from Mrs Barton...*

## Staff Restructure Consultation

The Spring Partnership Trust is currently undertaking a consultation process affecting the roles of staff who provide classroom support, such as Teaching Assistants. Any changes will be made from September 2020 and have been, and will continue to be, planned very carefully to ensure that all of our pupils benefit from ongoing effective and consistent

educational support. The staff that children are familiar with will continue in their classes for the rest of this school year. Further information will be circulated to parents and carers at the end of the summer term on the outcome of the consultation.

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## COVID-19

We want to share with you some of the continuous actions we are taking to continue 'business as normal' as far as possible during this time, as well as meeting the guidelines and advice from Public Health England in connection with COVID-19.

For instance, our site team are cleaning the water fountains twice a day; extra sanitizer dispensers are being installed around the school including inside each classroom and outside every toilet facility. We have regular updates with our Contract Cleaners, who are now using a new 'ultra virucidal' cleaning product and are focusing on making sure that all 'touch' points are sanitized at the end of each day. Touch points include handles, soap dispensers, touch plates on doors, tables, chairs, taps etc.

All of our staff continuously remind our children to wash their hands using the appropriate guidelines.

**Reminder:** Through hand-washing is the best way to prevent the spread of colds, flu and other viruses. Take a minute and a half to watch this video about how to do it properly:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/av/health-51637561/coronavirus-watch-how-germs-spread>

All schools within The Spring Partnership Trust have a Business Continuity Plan and the Trust have also developed a COVID-19 action plan to prepare for every eventuality, but all schools will remain open and running as usual at this point. Should a school need to close, pupils who are fit and well will be expected to regularly complete and submit work that will be set by the teachers. Teachers will be checking emails through any period of term time closure to answer any questions relating to homework set.

To check what the latest situation is, please visit <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public>. We all have a responsibility to keep ourselves up-to-date using fact-based, reliable sources of information and to do our best to keep ourselves, our pupils, colleagues and families healthy and safe.