

## Friday 12th March



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### **GMCR Grant Awarded for Environmental Education**

At Broadoak, we have solar panels from Greater Manchester Community Renewables on our roof. The solar panels generate clean electricity for the school to use. You can see how much is being generated [here](#). We are delighted to announce that we have been awarded a grant of £1000 to put towards environmental education at the school. We will update you once we decide how best to spend the grant.

Meanwhile, GMCR is offering energy saving advice and support to parents and local families. If you would like to speak to someone in confidence about your energy bills, or just want to find out how you can keep warm and reduce your carbon footprint, you can contact the team of Groundwork Green Doctors on 0800 090 3638 or [energyworks@groundwork.org.uk](mailto:energyworks@groundwork.org.uk). Simply quote GMCR as a reference when you call to access your free personalised advice.

### **Drop Off and Pick Up Arrangements**

I would like to say a huge thank you to all the parents for their support this week on implementing a smooth transition back for all children. Could I please take this opportunity to remind parents of the following guidance issued within the COVID-19 Parent Information Booklet that will support us in reducing the risk of transmission within our school community:

- All adults should be wearing face coverings when dropping or collecting children—this includes all areas surrounding school (unless exempt)
- Parents and children should leave the site or surrounding area immediately after drop off or collection - children should not be playing on equipment or outside the school gates and adults should avoid chatting with other adults. These actions will help reduce possible transmission and reduce congestion.
- Social distancing should be adhered to at both drop off and collection - adults are asked to arrive within their staggered time slot only and if collecting from the white Horse Gate, come into the car park area in order to reduce congestion on Worsley Road.

### **Update Guidance re Symptomatic Cases**

I would like to remind parents of the necessary responses if their child develops symptoms compatible with coronavirus. The most common symptoms of coronavirus are the following:

- A new continuous cough: this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual).
- A high temperature (fever) - NHS advice is to look for a high temperature – ‘this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back; you do not need to measure your temperature’.
- A loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia).

If your child develops any one of these symptoms, they MUST be tested and the child and family members, including siblings, must isolate until a negative result is received. If a positive result is received, the family must isolate for 10 days from the onset of symptoms.

Salford have also issued guidance around other less common symptoms, these include the following:

- Vomiting/nausea/off your food
- Diarrhoea
- Sleeping more than usual/extreme tiredness
- Listless/restless/agitated
- Shortness of breath
- Feeling cold
- Headache
- Severe body aches
- Sore throat
- Congested or runny nose
- Skin rash
- Complaining of anything that is not feeling themselves

Please note children who have any of these ‘non-classical’ symptoms are not expected to isolate immediately but are strongly advised to go for a test to rule out COVID-19. In the case of diarrhoea, vomiting, flu like symptoms etc, school will still be required to enforce the 48 hours symptom free rule. When a child is being tested due to ‘non-classical’ symptoms, siblings are free to attend school as normal.

### **Traffic on Fairmount Road**

Once again, I would like to highlight to parents my concerns regarding the safety of children on Fairmount Rd. This week, there has been a noticeable increase in the number of cars accessing the road, parking on the zigzag lines, blocking drive ways of neighbouring houses and mounting the pavements when parking, putting children at risk. I would urge parents to minimise the use of cars where possible and where driving is necessary, that parents park away from Fairmount Rd to help us ensure the safety of all children.

### **Cycling to School**

We are delighted to see that some of children are choosing the option of cycling to and from school. This provides the children with regular exercise and also reduces the traffic around the school. I would however like to remind all children that it is essential that if cycling to and from school, that they must be wearing a helmet as safety measure. Regular checks will be made as the children arrive and leave school and if children fail to comply with this requirement, telephone calls will be made to parents explaining the school’s policy.

### **Red Nose Day - Friday 19th March**

On Friday 19th March, we will be taking part in the charity day ‘Red Nose Day’. We are asking the children to come into school wearing non uniform in exchange a donation. This year, the donation will be made directly via ParentPay. Please press on the following link: <https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=2376>. During the day, the children will take part in various Red Nose Day activities which will be shared with parents via our class Twitter feeds. Thank you in advance for your support with this event and allowing us to do our bit for those in need.

