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Re: Hand washing before lunch

Dear Parents/Carers,

As there has been an increase in the Covid-19 virus in the UK, we are following the government's advice to schools in order to protect all children. One of the main preventative measures is handwashing and therefore we will ensure children use an alcohol based hand sanitizer as advised by the government, before eating their lunch daily.

All children in Early Years and KS1 will wash their hands using soap and water before going to lunch but KS2 children who go to lunch straight from the playground will use the hand sanitizer.

If you do not want your child to use an alcohol based sanitizer, please can you provide your child with a sanitizer to use before lunch.

We have the hand sanitizer on order and will start using it as soon as it arrives. Until then we will be taking children class by class to wash their hands with soap and water before they have their lunch.

Please see other side of this letter for advice given to schools

Yours sincerely,

Jackie Benjamin
Headteacher



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3. Preventing spread of infection

There is currently no vaccine to prevent COVID-19. The best way to prevent infection is to avoid being exposed to the virus.

There are general principles anyone can follow to help prevent the spread of respiratory viruses, including:

- washing your hands often - with soap and water, or use alcohol sanitiser if handwashing facilities are not available. This is particularly important after taking public transport
- covering your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throwing the tissue in a bin. See [Catch it, Bin it, Kill it](#)
- people who feel unwell should stay at home and should not attend work or any education or childcare setting
- pupils, students, staff and visitors should wash their hands:
 - before leaving home
 - on arrival at school
 - after using the toilet
 - after breaks and sporting activities
 - before food preparation
 - before eating any food, including snacks
 - before leaving school
- **use an alcohol-based hand sanitiser that contains at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available**