



CHURCHFIELDS PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear parents and carers,

Since our last update the spread of the Coronavirus in the UK has increased and the government is sending daily updates. Currently schools are to remain open however staff are starting to collate work packs and website links to prepare for closure if needed.

We would like to reassure all members of the school community, that we are following all the advice given by the government and health experts when it comes to dealing with COVID-19 in schools. We receive daily updates from the Department for Education and Public Health England about this issue and the Senior Leaders meet daily to discuss updates and required actions. We are however, aware that the spread of the virus is not something we can accurately predict, so we must stay very alert to changes. That may mean decisions have to be made quickly to reflect the situation locally.

We continue to run an increased cleaning regime across the building and place a key focus on hand washing with the children and staff and appreciate all of your help in reinforcing this important message.

It is important to ensure you monitor your emails daily (and ensure we have your email) as there may be a need to increase communication with parents in the weeks ahead. We would like day to day life at school to stay as normal as possible and we would ask for your support in this.

In the event that you or your child displays any of the following symptoms,

- New persistent cough and/or
- Temperature of 37.8 degrees or above

please follow the Government's advice to self-isolate for 14 days. This has recently changed to include **all** members of the family and an increase from 7 to 14 days. Please ensure that you follow this advice as we do have vulnerable families and children in school and we must do what we can to protect everyone.

I am also aware that many families are concerned and worried about sending their child in to school. As a school, we will stay open until such time as the government tells us that we must close as part of their response to COVID-19 however, as a parent, if you feel that your child, or a family member is vulnerable from this, please feel free to contact me or the office staff for further support and guidance .

Useful websites:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-people-with-confirmed-or-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

<https://111.nhs.uk>

The best way to tackle the challenge posed by coronavirus is by following public health authorities' advice, for example on hand washing, 'catch it, bin it, kill it' and reducing the impact and spread of misinformation by relying on information from trusted sources such as that above. It is also important that we limit the contact staff and children have outside of the classroom. Therefore

- All Mother's Day events are postponed
- The year 3 trip to Carsington Water on the 26th March is postponed
- The Easter bonnet parade will take place in school and not involve parents attending

I will seek further advice regarding swimming at the high school and let you know asap.

Many of you have been asking about London and Stanley Head. To help to put your mind at rest, if the organisers (WST and Entrust) say we are unable to travel then a full refund would be issued.

Thank you for your support as we go through this difficult time.

Yours sincerely
Diane Beardsmore
Headteacher