



CHURCHFIELDS PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear parents and carers,

Another day has passed and the government has still advised that schools stay open however, as I said yesterday, this is an ever-changing picture. Today (17th March) we had 10% of children not in school either self-isolating, showing symptoms of a cough and temperature or with another illness. I would like to thank parents for accepting that the isolation methods are to help everyone and enable us to keep everyone safe.

As you know, the school has been taking extra measures in our cleaning since the start of the outbreak, with a continued focus on contact touchpoints throughout the building. However, I fully understand that this is an incredibly worrying time, and I understand that many of you are taking extra precautions to keep your family safe. We will keep the school open as advised, however I would fully understand any decision parents may wish to make in terms of keeping their son/daughter off school for 14 days if you worry that they or a member of your household fits one of the identified vulnerable groups. If this decision is taken, we will understand it is because your family is following the advice on how to self-isolate.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-social-distancing-and-for-vulnerable-people>

I would particularly like to thank staff for all their support. Talking to headteachers from other schools, many are having to close, or partially close as they have staff missing. We will endeavour to stay open as long as the government advises us to. However, each day I, alongside my SLT, will have to complete a risk assessment to ensure that the health and safety of children can be maintained. If we do have to close we will endeavour to give you as much notice as possible.

If staff absence increases due to childcare issues or self-isolation, we may have to close or partially close the school. A partial closure would mean only certain year groups would come into school. This decision would be taken with consideration to number of staff, first aiders, safeguarding, etc.

I would like to thank you for your continued support in what is an incredibly difficult time for everyone. Please be reassured we are constantly following the appropriate advice from the Department of Education and Public Health England to ensure we are keeping the school community as safe as possible. However, I also want to ensure that we are being open and updating you on all developments as they happen to ensure that you are informed and given the opportunity to make the best decision for your own families based on the latest Government advice.

If you require work packs please contact Mrs Darlington and she will arrange this for you. As much as possible we are trying to keep school as normal as we can for the children and continue to encourage hand washing at every opportunity.

I will decide regarding parents evening by the end of Thursday. Please still make appointments as even if it is postponed it will enable us to see that the app is working.



Thank you for your support,

Diane Beardsmore

Headteacher