



## Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Further to last Friday's newsletter, the following additional measures have been brought in:

- No handshaking
- No holding hands (e.g. during PE lessons, playtimes, 'make a circle' (EYFS))
- Whole school assemblies cancelled. This includes class assemblies and achievement assemblies
- All trips cancelled/postponed until next term (this includes Year 3 swimming)
- Parent/school events cancelled/postponed until next term: EYFS speech and Language Workshop (17<sup>th</sup> March); Year R Drama Workshop (23<sup>rd</sup> March); Swift's Got Talent (2<sup>nd</sup> April); EYFS Mother's Day event (no date confirmed but we usually do something annually)
- Further reinforcement of and time for handwashing procedures, especially before mealtimes
- Enhanced cleaning procedures

**As part of moving to the 'delay' phase of the virus, the Government updated its guidance. Updated health guidance is that anyone (pupils or staff) experiencing the following symptoms (however mild) should stay at home for seven days:**

- **A high temperature and/or**
- **A new continuous cough**

**If anyone in your household has these symptoms and cannot self-isolate from them, then they should also stay at home for seven days. If any children in your household have these symptoms and you send a sibling to school, we will call and ask you to collect the sibling**

**This action will help protect others in our school community and your community**

COVID-19: stay at home guidance: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>

Our school will close if Public Health England or the Department for Education advise us to shut. Senior Leaders will liaise with the Local Authority and Ark regarding such a decision. We are working hard to ensure that our Emergency Preparedness Plan is in-place should such a decision be made.

Any decision to close the school would be communicated to families via our website, letter and school messaging system. **Parents, please ensure that you have notified us of any change to your mobile number.**

**Your child's education is important. If the school has to close, we will be setting learning for pupils to access at home**

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Despite these measures we are aiming to keep everything in school as normal as possible. Our priority continues to be ensuring a calm, well-organised school with the regular timetable maintained.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to speak to a member of the Leadership Team at the school gate, your child's class teacher or the school office.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Upfield', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Daniel Upfield  
Principal