



# CHILTON FOLIAT PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and carers

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2020

## **Re: Coronavirus (COVID-19)**

I am writing to you with an update on our approach, so far, in relation to the Covid-19 virus.

### **Measures taken so far**

To date we have been closely following the updates from Public Health England and continuing to implement good health and hand hygiene at school. The children know what good handwashing looks like, why we need to do it and we have provided posters in all handwashing areas to support and encourage them.

To support the children's understanding of the situation we have run circle time discussions with the prime aim of answering questions, tackling concerns, reassuring children who may be worried and establishing what we know to be the facts; largely that this is a flu-like virus that will in most cases make you feel unwell for a short period of time. This remains true for the vast majority of the population and particularly so for young people.

The following link provides information on the latest guidance, particularly with regard to social distancing which was released yesterday, 16<sup>th</sup> March 2020. We urge all our parents and their families to read and follow the advice given.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-social-distancing-and-for-vulnerable-people/guidance-on-social-distancing-for-everyone-in-the-uk-and-protecting-older-people-and-vulnerable-adults>

### **The following limitations will be in place at school with immediate effect**

- Please do not send your child into school if they have either a temperature above 37.8° or a new persistent cough.
- Children who develop either of these symptoms during the school day will be required to be collected and taken home.
- With regards to both points above, your child will be required to remain away from school for a duration of 14 days before they can return.

### **Notifying School**

If your child is displaying the Coronavirus symptoms of a high temperature (37.8° or higher) and/or a new, persistent dry cough and you decide they need to self-isolate please report their absence in the normal way:

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## **Reporting Absence**

Please notify the office of absence and the reason for it by 9.00am each day.

## **Unnecessary Social Contact**

As a result of yesterday's Government advice the school has taken the decision to **remove any event from the school calendar** which involves "unnecessary social contact" up until the Easter holidays. To that end, I have attached a list of all events, the school considers to involve "unnecessary social contact".

Mrs Bond and Mrs Plank are in the process of contacting all the outside organisations with whom we have arrangements informing them of our decision to cancel or in some cases reschedule.

For those events which have been paid for such as swimming and school trips, when we are in possession of the information we need, we will let our parents know about repayment arrangements. I am sure you will appreciate that this will take time and we are grateful for your patience.

For this week, after school clubs run by **teachers** will continue. These are: Multi-sports club, SATs booster and Netball club. Change for Life Club and Swindon Town Football Club will not be running for the remainder of this term.

## **School Closure**

**School will not be closed unless we are instructed to do so by Public Health England.**

We do not know for certain that this will happen, nor whether any closures would be regional, or national. However, it is important, and sensible, to be prepared. If we have to close our school, our priority will be to achieve continuity of provision. In such situations, schools are not expected to deliver the full curriculum. Assuming that face-to-face contact is severely restricted then communicating electronically, is the most obvious format for the great majority of parents and pupils to access. We are currently assessing which platforms would be best suited and most accessible to all our families for this purpose. If you do not have access to the internet, a desktop or laptop computer, please let school know **immediately**.

## **Contingency planning for emergency closures**

If school is closed, a message will be communicated via email and the school website. Remote classwork will be set by all class teachers.

## **Additional information**

The Department for Education coronavirus helpline is available to answer questions about COVID-19 relating to education and children's social care. Staff, parents and young people can contact this helpline as follows:

Phone: 0800 046 8687

Email: [DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk](mailto:DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk)

Opening hours: 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday)

## **Where to find the latest information**

Updates on COVID-19:

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<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Guidance for educational settings:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19>

Travel advice for those travelling and living overseas:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/travel-advice-novel-coronavirus>

Full details of each stage in the government action plan can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-action-plan>

We do not wish to pre-empt or predict any decisions that may be made in the coming weeks but instead hope to reassure you that we are prepared to respond quickly and appropriately, should the government move us to a higher phase with its plans to contain this virus.

If you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school using the usual [admin@chiltonfoliat.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@chiltonfoliat.wilts.sch.uk) email address or call on Tel: 01488 682630.

Kind regards

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