



Cossington C.E. Primary School

'Nurturing aspiration as we grow together'

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Dear Parents,

As you will be aware, the government changed the advice yesterday around coping with the COVID-19 coronavirus outbreak. I am writing to confirm a few important parts of the advice that relates to school and to update you on plans we have in the event that the school closes or children need to be away for a prolonged period of time.

1. The government has advised that 'Anyone with a fever or persistent cough should stay at home for seven days if they live alone or fourteen days if they live with others. Anyone who lives with someone displaying coronavirus symptoms should also stay at home for fourteen days.' As a school we are asking parents to use good judgement relating to this advice. We expect children showing the symptoms of COVID-19 to be kept away from school and they should also be kept away from school if someone in the household is showing the symptoms. Please phone school to advise us if you will be keeping children away for this reason.
2. Currently **schools are staying open** and children should attend daily unless the advice in point 1 is being followed.
3. We understand that children may be away from school for prolonged periods of time in the next few months and there is a possibility that schools will close completely. We are currently making plans and ordering resources so that children can continue to be educated at home. I will write to you again within the next few days to update you on plans and to advise you on what you will be sent to enable you to educate your children at home.
4. All visitors to school are being asked to wash hands on arrival and I would appreciate any parent who comes into school following this rule.
5. We will be cancelling planned events where parents are usually invited into school. This includes the Mother's Day afternoon and Seedlings end product afternoon planned for this Thursday and next Thursday. We will also not be visiting church for an Easter service this year.
6. In an attempt to limit the amount of people crowded into one space, as of tomorrow we would like parents to drop children at the gate in the morning and not come onto the playground. Staff will be on the playground from 8:40 a.m. to supervise children and take them to class. We would ask that parents **do not** wait until the children have gone into class as the pavements will become too congested. At the end of the day, in an attempt to have a less congested collection time we would like parents to collect children from outside of their classrooms instead of all collecting from the lower playground. Parents of children in Acorns will be asked to wait outside the reception entrance and children will be released from this door. We will also be opening the car park entrance so you can use either entry or exit to the school.
7. School clubs will continue as usual as they are no additional risk with children being in contact with the same children all day during school time.
8. All trips have been cancelled including the Warning Zone visit and the proposed trip to Flag Fen.

I have had some parents asking for more information about school closures. At this time the decision is not in my hands and we will be following government advice. We are working on the same information as that in the public domain and I will inform you as soon as any information impacting on schools is given to us. Thank you for your continued support at this time. As always, it is lovely to see the school community showing care and concern for each other.

Yours faithfully,

Matt Yandell,
Head Teacher.