

*'We want every child to be happy, caring and successful.'*

17<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

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

Following Boris Johnson's Coronavirus update yesterday informing the country of the latest measure to control the spread of the Coronavirus, I wish to reassure you that Cedars Primary will continue to follow Department for Education and Public Health England advice to best support the children, staff and wider community whilst preparing for the expected rise in cases.

I would be deeply grateful if you could play your part and follow the latest advice as detailed below:

**How long should you stay at home if you have symptoms?**

Stay at home for at least 7 days if you have either:

- **A high temperature (37.8 degrees and above) – you feel hot to touch on your chest or back**
- **A new, continuous cough – this means you've started coughing repeatedly**

If you live with other people, they should stay at home for at least 14 days, to avoid spreading the infection outside the home.

After 14 days, anyone you live with who does not have the symptoms can return to their normal routine.

But if anyone in your home gets symptoms, they should stay at home for 7 days from the day their symptoms start.

If you have to stay at home together, try to keep away from each other as much as possible.

**What should I do if I still have symptoms after 7 days?**

After 7 days, if you no longer have a high temperature you can return to your normal routine

If you still have a high temperature, stay at home until your temperature returns to normal

If you still have a cough after 7 days, but your temperature is normal, you do not need continue to stay at home. A cough can last for several weeks after the infection has gone.

*You do not need to call NHS 111 to stay at home. If your symptoms worsen during your stay at home period or are no better after 7 days contact NHS 111 online at [111.nhs.uk](https://111.nhs.uk). If you have no internet access, you should call NHS 111. For a medical emergency dial 999*



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### **Will the school be postponing school community events?**

As a precautionary measure, all current planned spring term school community events are cancelled. For the Spring Term 2020 this includes:

- Reception Day Trip – Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March
- PTFA Family Bingo Night – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 6pm-8pm
- Gardening Morning – Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March 9:30am-11:30am
- Year 6 SATS Parent Information Evening – Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 6pm
- Year 1/2 Badgers Class Assembly (Mrs Morrell) – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2020, 2:30pm
- Years 3/4 Production – Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2pm and Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 6pm
- All Year Group Celebrations of Learning

### **What will happen if the school must close?**

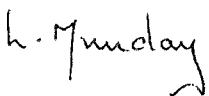
Whilst schools in England are not currently required to close because of the COVID-19 virus, if we have large numbers of staff having to self-isolate, or we are directed to at a later stage by the government, then we may need to close partially or fully – this may be done at short notice. We would communicate this via Parentmail and the school website.

I do want to reassure you that Cedars Primary School has a robust Teaching and Learning Continuity Plan in place to ensure that children will be able to continue with their learning. We are now preparing to provide work for your child should they need to self-isolate or the school close for any length of time. This will be communicated via the school website. More information will be sent out in due course.

Until we receive other advice, we will try as much as possible to operate as normal, welcoming your child into Cedars Primary School every day. It's important and comforting for children that they continue their routines and we will endeavour to keep doing so for as long as we are able to.

Thank you for your ongoing understanding and support at this unique time.

Yours sincerely



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