

COOMB BRIGGS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Coronavirus update

Dear Parent/Carer

We're getting in touch to let you know what we're doing in light of current unprecedented events to help make sure our school community stay as safe and calm as possible.

We'd like to reassure you that we're taking all of the necessary steps from the government and Local Authority. The DfE link has already been shared with parents/carers on the school website for information.

Currently the school remains open however, we are having to make some changes in order to continue to stay open.

Guidance to date is that:

- Pupils should attend school unless they feel unwell – if your child has any of the following symptoms they should **remain at home for 14 days**: - a new, continuous cough and/or - a temperature above 37.8
- If your child is unwell, report this as you would normally do
- Anyone who lives with someone with symptoms should also self-isolate for 14 days
- Non-essential school events have been/are being cancelled/postponed

What we're doing to protect and support pupils and staff

- We will contact you immediately if your child is showing the signs of illness as outlined above
- Ensuring regular hand-washing and continued reminders to pupils. Pupils are asked to wash their hands before they come into the classroom and at various times throughout the day.
- Reminder lessons for pupils about hygiene etc.
- We will keep you up to date with any changes to the current situation
- We will continue to use the text service and school website to share information

What would be very helpful

- If you've recently changed your contact details, please inform the school office as soon as possible via telephone to pass on new details
- Talk to your children about the coronavirus. BBC Newsround has regular updates for younger children
- Come and collect your child straight away, if we ask you to (we will contact you if they become ill with either a temperature or a new, continuous cough)
- Named water bottles to be brought in to school daily.



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What happens if the school has to close?

- Our current procedure is to alert parents to closure, via our text service and a post on the school website
- We will be adding further learning activities to the school website and a work pack will be sent home with your child

The DfE is still advising schools to stay open, unless:

- Our local health protection team tells us to close, or
- We don't have enough staff in to run the school – we would make this assessment with support from our local authority.

If you have any questions, please consult the:

- School office, if you have any questions about our response to this issue
- NHS, if you want to know more about the symptoms of coronavirus. If you think you or your child may have the symptoms, use NHS 111 online if at all possible before calling 111
- Department for Education's coronavirus helpline: 0800 046 8687, if you have any questions about the government's response to coronavirus in relation to schools

Finally, please bear with us if we have to move teachers/TAs into different classes or split classes and send them to different year groups. We will do everything we can to keep the school open however, we do need some understanding in these difficult times. Please also be aware that, as hard as we will try, some children may not receive small group work or intervention as regularly as they would normally due to unprecedented staff shortages.

At this time, it's important we keep each other safe and communicate about these events to help support one another. Thank you for your continued support and if you have any questions, please, do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

Mrs Helen Redmond
Headteacher

