

Coronavirus update

17th March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to all of our families for your continued support during the Coronavirus pandemic. I appreciate that this is a difficult time and that we are all making concerted efforts to reduce the impact of the virus.

We ask parents and families to be mindful that the advice is changing almost on a daily basis and that Cranmere Primary School receive their information directly from the Government.

We are currently receiving a high number of queries that we hope will now be clarified by reading the guidance below and the linked documents in this letter. Please do read the guidance given before telephoning the office with your specific query. This will help us in school to carry on with our normal day to day operations.

I have also attached a family household scenario to help illustrate who should be off and for how long.

Symptoms

NB: The latest advice no longer places restrictions upon people returning from countries outside of the UK unless they present with the symptoms as mentioned below.

NHS Guidance Covid-19 <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

If anyone presents with a **new and persistent cough and/or a high temperature** then the advice given to schools is that the whole family should self-isolate for 14 days. If symptoms worsen then call NHS 111 and explain. If the person who first had the symptoms feels well after 7 days then they may return to work or school as normal. However, the remainder of the household must continue to self-isolate until the 14th day of isolation.

Latest Stay at Home Guidance <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>

Informing school of your child's absence.

Please be specific when you are calling school to say that your child is unwell. Let us know the exact detail e.g. cough, temperature, tiredness, tummy upset (diarrhoea and/or vomiting).

If your child is absent because of a persistent cough and/or high temperature and we have been notified then there is no need for you to call in daily as we will not expect your child to return to school before the 7 days of self-isolation is completed. However, please do let us know if your child's symptoms worsen as your child will be taking longer than the 7 days off school.

Changes in school (social distancing efforts)

To minimise the number of children present together at any one time, we will be using the small hall to allow children with packed lunches to eat there. Children who have school meals will eat their lunch in the main hall.

We will also not be holding whole school assemblies but will be holding class assemblies so that our children still have opportunities for singing together and for private reflection time.

All **teacher led clubs will be cancelled until further notice** as teachers will need the time back to support our additional efforts in school. This will be **effective from Wednesday 18th March**. (This includes Codeclub led by Mr Hayler) **All other clubs will be cancelled from Monday 23rd March**.

All external trips have been cancelled. This includes Yr1 Brooklands, Year 3 Hampton Court, swimming, Reeds Lego and Reeds Hockey & Rugby tournament.

Social gatherings at school have been **cancelled or postponed**, such as **Friends Quiz night, YR1 & YR2 Parent assemblies and Film Club for Years 3 to 6 as well as cake sales until further notice**.

Please note that further information regarding any changes to pre-planned events in school will be sent out as soon as we have the information.

Home learning

If your child is currently in self-isolation and is well enough to carry out home learning activities then please continue using the schools learning platforms for Spelling Shed, TTRockstars and RM Maths and to continue reading at home.

In the event of a school closure we will be giving every pupil in Years 1 to 6 a school book to record their home learning in. On the school website, under your child's year group are the topics and suggested learning support for this term. We will also upload to your year group page additional, more specific learning suggestions, which your child/ren can carry on with at home.

I hope that you have found this information useful and I thank you once again for your support during this difficult time.

Kind regards,



Kathie Daniels

Enc Household scenario

FAQs sheet.