



**Bromesberrow St Mary's C of E Primary School and Pre-School
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Dear Parents,

In light of the new Government and health measures announced yesterday to battle the spread of Coronavirus, we are having to make some new adjustments to school life, but are remaining open and running a normal day for most children.

Firstly, do **not** send your child/ren in if they have a cough **or** a fever (even if you believe it to be a common cold). We will be sending home any child who has either of these symptoms. Government guidelines are then that you, your child and family members (within your household) isolate themselves for 14 days. Mrs Hankins' daughter has a cough and the family (including Mrs Hankins) are self-isolating for 14 days, as advised by Public Health England. All the family are currently well and Mrs Hankins is working from home to support school as much as she can.

We are having to take the step to close to preschool children from Thursday, as our preschool staff both have underlying health conditions, which make them significantly more vulnerable to complications if they were to catch the virus. Understandably they are concerned by this and as a school we have a duty to protect vulnerable staff members as well as our children. Preschool require a very high adult to child ratio and we are unable to cover this internally. We do not feel that it would be a sensible measure to try to get temporary staff as this would go against our strategy to limit visitors to the school.

We would recommend, as other schools now have, that if your child has any underlying conditions that effect their immune or respiratory system, that they do not attend school.

We are aware that these measures may cause concern and we must stress that at this point it is business as usual for most children and staff. Unfortunately, we are a very small team and as such are vulnerable, but we will endeavour to keep the school open with normality for the children until we are told otherwise.

If you have any concerns, please contact the school office (01531 650340 or admin@st-marys-bromesberrow.gloucs.sch.uk) or Mrs Hankins/Miss Thornley's email: head@st-marys-bromesberrow.gloucs.sch.uk

Best Wishes

Mrs Hankins and Miss Thornley

