

# The Bishops' C of E Learning Academy

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Dear Parent/Carers

Like you, we have been watching the news coverage and also receiving updates from the Government.

As you will know at yesterday's Press Conference with the Prime Minister it was stated that all schools should remain open unless advised to close by Public Health England.

So it remains business as usual at our school. With the increased vigilance around thorough and regular handwashing and adherence to 'Catch it, Bin it, Kill it' covering coughs and sneezes with tissues, throwing them in the bin and handwashing.

We will make any new adjustments as soon as any further recommendations from Public Health England are made.

We also note the directive from the press conference yesterday around self-isolation. All staff at The Bishops' have been briefed about how and when to self-isolate. We ask that you exercise the same caution for your children around flu like symptoms- a fever above 37.8 degrees or a persistent cough. If you are worried about your symptoms or those of a child the new guidance is to use the contact form on the website 111.nhs.uk- do not go directly to your GP or other health care providers. **We also urge that all children who are well attend school as normal.**

If you have any concerns about your child at school then please speak to the class teacher, the front office, Liz Roberts or myself, using 01637 876137. You can also follow the Department for Education advice and guidance on <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public>

As this remains a changing and dynamic situation we will seek to update you should we receive any new information. In the event of a school closure we will notify you via our text message service, our social media and our website.

Thank you for your ongoing support in these worrying and unprecedented times. I know that what we all seek to do is strike the right balance in keeping our school open for as long as the Government deems it safe to do so, and ensure that we adhere to the wider Public Health England guidelines. We can only do this by working together.

Yours sincerely,

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