



13th March 2020,

Re: Coronavirus/ COVID-19

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to update you following the latest government advice which was issued yesterday afternoon. At Chantry, we take the health and safety of our pupils and staff very seriously, so we're sharing guidance from Public Health England on steps you should be taking and what we are doing in school.

Chantry Community Primary School remains open and all children should be attending school as normal.

However, if your child has:

- A new, persistent dry cough
- A fever of 37.8C or higher

They should be kept at home and self-isolated for 7 days.

There's currently no cause for concern at the school, but we'll keep you informed about any developments and please be reassured that we are ensuring that the school is clean to prevent the spread of any virus. In classes and around the school we are encouraging good personal hygiene – particularly regular handwashing with soap and water, following the government guidance below:

Preventing the spread of infection

Make sure you and your children follow these general principles to prevent spreading any respiratory virus:

- Wash your hands often – with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, or an alcohol-based sanitiser if soap and water aren't available
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- If you feel unwell, with one of the above symptoms, stay at home and don't attend work or school
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in a bin
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces in the home
- If you're worried about your symptoms, please call NHS 111 – don't go directly to your GP or other healthcare environment



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Depending on the spread of the virus, there is a possibility that we may be advised to close in the future to minimise its spread and we have planned for this. With this in mind, we are ensuring that systems are in place to minimise the impact on children's learning. Over the coming days, teachers will be checking that all children know their passwords for our online learning systems such as Mathletics, Times Table Rock Stars and Numbots. We will also make sure that there is learning ready for the children to access on our website and packs available for children who don't have internet access. Please also check that your child knows their passwords and email class teachers if they need new ones.

We will continue to keep you informed, as and when there are any changes. If you have any questions please speak to a member of staff. More information can also be found at:

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

Yours sincerely,

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