



Duke Street Primary School



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Dear Parents/Carers

You will be aware of the outbreak of coronavirus (COVID-19) and the subsequent confirmed cases in the UK.

As I write, the current advice from the Government to schools and other educational settings concerning the outbreak of COVID-19, is to remain open. We are however aware that this could change in the coming weeks and are making preparations to deal with restrictions and potential school closure, if this was to happen. We will endeavour to keep you informed of any developments at the earliest opportunity via the school website, Facebook and school App.

We ask that everyone follows the Government advice which is being updated regularly on www.gov.uk/coronavirus. Their current guidelines are:

- The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are:
 - New continuous cough and/or
 - High temperature
- If you have symptoms of coronavirus infection (COVID-19), however mild, stay at home and do not leave your house for 7 days from when your symptoms started.
- You do not need to call NHS111 to go into self-isolation. If your symptoms worsen during home isolation or are no better after 7 days contact [NHS 111 online](https://www.nhs.uk/111). If you have no internet access, you should call NHS 111. For a medical emergency dial 999.
- Wash your hands more often than usual, for 20 seconds using soap and water, particularly after coughing, sneezing and blowing your nose, or after being in public areas where other people are doing so. Use hand sanitiser if that's all you have access to.
- To reduce the spread of germs when you cough or sneeze, cover your mouth and nose with a disposable tissue, or your sleeve (not your hands) if you don't have a tissue, and throw the tissue away immediately. Then wash your hands or use a hand sanitising gel.
- Clean and disinfect regularly touched objects and surfaces using your regular cleaning products to reduce the risk of passing the infection on to other people.

Please visit the government website above or NHS 111 online for further information.

As a school, we continue to follow our long established policy of regular handwashing and the use of hand sanitising gel. Hand gel is provided in every classroom. Our daily cleaning routine continues to ensure high contact areas around school are regularly disinfected. (PTO)



In light of current concerns over public gatherings, as well as Mr Kidd's continued absence, we have made the decision to postpone the Final of Duke Street's Got Talent and Parents Consultations, until the summer term. The proposed new date for Duke Street's Got Talent is Thursday 18th June. People who have already bought tickets for 'The Final' will have them transferred to the new date. Parent Consultations will be rescheduled next term.

Class teachers will be sending home copies of the children's new targets next week so that parents are aware of what they are currently working on.

We thank you for your continued support and will keep you informed of any further changes at the earliest opportunity.

Yours sincerely

Mrs S Ridley

DEPUTY HEADTEACHER