



ST LUKE'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND VOLUNTARY AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL

Tuesday 17th March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

Coronavirus Update from Department of Education

Good afternoon everyone, as you are aware the worldwide outbreak of Covid-19 is resulting in many changes to our daily lives. As a school, we continue to follow the Government and Public Health England guidance which states that **schools, at the present time, should remain open.**

The current advice, as of the afternoon of Monday 16th March, is that if anyone in the household develops symptoms of coronavirus **all members of the household must stay at home and not leave the house for 14 days.**

The symptoms are:

- a high temperature (37.8 degrees and above)
- a new, continuous cough

Staying at home for 14 days will greatly reduce the overall amount of infection the household could pass onto others in the community.

We anticipate that some children will be absent from school over the next few weeks with potential symptoms of coronavirus. While it's important to remember that these could equally be symptoms of one of the many winter illnesses which we usually expect to see at this time of year, it's important we act with caution. **All we ask as a school is that you keep us informed regarding your children so that we know that you are all safe.**

In school, we are trying to keep all activities as normal as possible as we feel that this will help to reassure your children at this worrying time.

In the event that the decision is made to close schools, staff have already started to plan a range of learning tasks that the children will be able to access and complete at home. We will share these with you if and when this happens – **though as I stressed earlier, the school will remain open unless directed otherwise by the Government or Public Health England.**

If you would like more information about Coronavirus, please visit www.gov.uk/coronavirus or www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/coronavirus.

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Parents can also call the Department for Education coronavirus helpline for general advice and guidance by calling 0800 046 8687 between 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday) or e-mailing: dfc.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk.

Many of us are parents ourselves and we understand your fears and concerns. Please rest assured that any decisions we take now and in the future are always taken to ensure the safety and well-being of our whole school community.

Thank you for your continued support during this time which we understand is worrying for everyone. Stay safe, and we will get through this together.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Grennan
Headteacher

