



Wolviston Primary School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I know you will be aware of the outbreak of coronavirus and the subsequent confirmed cases in the UK. At Wolviston Primary School, we take the health and safety of our pupils and staff very seriously and have a risk assessment in place to help prevent the spread of the virus.

Measures include:

- Asking children, staff and visitors to wash their hands as soon as they enter the building and obviously throughout the day.
- Reducing contact situations such as assemblies and carpet time.
- Ensuring water bottles are taken home to be cleaned every night.
- Changing 'snack' arrangements in EY.

We have several local trips planned but will review these nearer the time in line with the most recent guidance. Unfortunately, we have taken the decision to cancel next week's EY/KS1 'Mother's Day' assembly. No decision has been made yet about the KS2 Easter service but we will let you know nearer the time. We appreciate your patience with this.

How can you help?

Be vigilant for any symptoms and inform the school if your child is presenting with any of them. See the guidance below for further advice.

Symptoms

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

- new continuous cough and/or
- high temperature

For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild infection

Key messages

- 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. stay at least 2 metres (about 3 steps) away from other people in your home whenever possible.
- Sleep alone, if that is possible.
- Wash your hands regularly for 20 seconds, each time using soap and water.
- Stay away from vulnerable individuals such as the elderly and those with underlying health conditions as much as possible.
- 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. If you have no internet access, you should call NHS 111. For a medical emergency dial 999.
- Cough may persist for several weeks in some people, despite the coronavirus infection having cleared. A persistent cough alone does not mean you must continue to self-isolate for more than 7 days.





School closure

At this moment in time, **we have no plans to close the school**; however if that were to change, we would contact all parents/carers:

- Via text message and email.
- We would alert the LA and they would add the school to the website below.

<https://www.stockton.gov.uk/children-and-young-people/schools/school-closures/>

- We will also aim to use the school's Twitter account to keep you updated.

If in the event of a school closure parents **should not telephone** the school to ask about school closure – this ties up external telephone lines, which may be needed for important communications. Parents should assume that the school is open as normal unless notified otherwise.

If the school was forced to close at any time in the future, work will be sent home and set on My Maths, Spelling Shed and Purple Mash. Please make sure you know your child's log on details for all of these and contact your child's teacher if you are unsure. Extra work would be provided for children who are taking SATs tests in May too.

I know that this is a period of uncertainty and anxiety for many but please rest assured we will continue to take great care of your child whilst still providing them with a broad and balanced curriculum wherever possible.

Thank you in anticipation of your support,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mrs K Haycock'.

Mrs K Haycock (Head teacher)

