



Tennyson Road Infant School

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Dear parents/carers,

As you're probably aware, the government's guidance on the coronavirus has changed from the 'contain' phase to one of delaying the spread of the virus. We're getting in touch to let you know what we're doing in light of this, and what we expect from all of you, to help make sure our school community keeps safe and calm.

We'd like to reassure you that at Tennyson Road Infant School we're taking all of the necessary steps to protect our community and are continuing to follow official guidance from the government and the Department for Education.

What's the current situation?

The **school remains open** – this is the current official guidance we've been given:

- Most school functions continue to run as normal eg. Breakfast and after school clubs
- Pupils should attend unless they feel unwell – if your child has any of the following symptoms they **should remain at home for 7 days**:
 - a new, continuous cough and/or
 - a temperature
- If your child is unwell, report this as you would normally by text, app or ring in to school.
- We'll keep you up to date with any changes to the current situation.

What we're doing to protect and support pupils and staff

- Encouraging hand-washing and providing hand sanitisers
- Lessons or assemblies for pupils about hygiene and how to deal with anxiety,
- Implementing a non-essential visitors policy- until further notice, parents reading, tots group and Mrs Hilbournes groups are all cancelled and visits to the school are being postponed. This will be reviewed at Easter or when further advice is received.

What we need you to do:

- If you've recently changed your contact details, please inform the school office **as soon as possible** via text, app or ring in to school. Please ensure you have Parentapps!
- Talk to your children about the coronavirus. It's a scary time and we should make sure children feel supported. [BBC Newsround](#) has regular updates for younger children and [YoungMinds](#) has practical steps older children can take to help with anxiety
- If we ask you to, please come and collect your child straight away, (we'll contact you if they become ill with either a temperature or a new, continuous cough)

What happens if the school has to close?

We'll only close if we're either officially advised to do so or we don't have enough staff to run the school.

In either case, we'll:

- Contact parents by, text, app, and notice on our Facebook page and website.
- We will send you information on how to access work for the children at home eg. Mathletics, teach your monster to read, twinkl etc. We will also send extra reading books on a Friday if necessary

Please keep in mind that we're only sending out this information to help the school community prepare. There are currently no plans to close.

If you have any questions

Please consult the:

- School office, if you have any questions about our response to this issue
- [NHS](#), if you want to know more about the symptoms of coronavirus. If you think you or your child may have the symptoms, use [NHS 111 online](#) if at all possible before calling 111
- Department for Education's coronavirus helpline: 0800 046 8687, if you have any questions about the government's response to coronavirus in relation to schools
- Government's [travel advice](#), if you want to know whether any upcoming trip or holiday you're taking abroad should go ahead

It's a tricky time and we know you're worried about the impact this might have on our community. It's important we keep each other safe and talk about these events to help with any anxiety.

Thank you for your continued support.

Miss C Hall
Headteacher