



**ST GEORGE'S
C of E SCHOOL**

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Dear Parents/Carers,

The Prime Minister announced new measures and advice to the public in relation to Covid-19. The following advice supersedes all previous advice given and should be read carefully: -

If your child is well they should attend school.

However, if they present with any symptoms -

A high temperature and/or

A new continuous cough

then they should remain at home in isolation for 14 days.

In addition, anyone in the same household should also self-isolate for 14 days regardless of whether they have symptoms themselves.

Moreover, any child who presents these symptoms at school will be isolated and parents will be called immediately.

It is also advised to stop non-essential contact with others and to stop all unnecessary travel. The Prime Minister also added that 'We need people to start working from home where they possibly can. And you should avoid pubs, clubs, theatres and other such social venues.'

These are wide ranging decisions that will affect all of us in some way. As a school we have made preparations today to enable learning to continue for those families that are isolated from school. Websites will be sent to help keep children occupied with home learning and teachers will send work with children if they can.

I appreciate that there will be difficult and worrying times ahead for us all. We need to all work together to keep one another safe.

We should still follow the advice on general hygiene and measures we can take to limit and delay the virus which are to:

- 1. wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds,**
- 2. always wash your hands when you get home or into work,**
- 3. use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available,**
- 4. cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze,**
- 5. put used tissues in the bin straight away and wash your hands afterwards,**
- 6. try to avoid close contact with people who are unwell,**
- 7. not touch your eyes, nose or mouth if your hands are not clean,**

As a school we are in regular communication with Public Health England and Department for Education over measures which we as a setting can take in response to the current situation and the situation remains that there is no requirement for school to do anything other than the measures detailed above.

At times such as this, misinformation and speculation can only serve to do more harm than good, and we are notifying you to ensure that we all comply with Government restrictions. I want to be open and transparent about measures we have and will continue to take based on expert advice.

At school we have taken sensible precautions such as -

- Being extra-vigilant about hand washing and general hygiene
- Cancelling all after school clubs and activities until further notice

Postponing school trips

- Cancelling swimming
- Prohibiting non-essential visitors to school

The advice continues to state that school should be open for business as usual. We are taking all the precautions possible.

We thank you for your continued support

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steven Forth". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'S' and a distinct 'F'.

Head Teacher