

Rivington Foundation Primary School



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Friday 13th March 2020

Dear Parent's/ Carers,

We would like to thank our families for their support in dealing with the unpredictable situation we find ourselves in at the moment. The children are very aware of the situation and have responded really well over the last few weeks to the information we have shared through videos and assemblies about the importance of hygiene and hand washing to help minimise the risk of Coronavirus within our school community. Currently only essential school activities will take place and all non-essential activities will be postponed until further notice.

We are receiving frequent updates and following advice given by the department for Public Health England and the DFE (see below).

To support the delay of the spread of the virus, the Department for Health and Social Care has asked anyone who shows certain symptoms to stay at home for 7 days, regardless of whether they have travelled to affected areas. This means people should stay at home and avoid all but essential contact with others for 7 days from the point of displaying mild symptoms, to slow the spread of infection. The symptoms are:

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

Follow this link for further information:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/coronavirus-covid-19-list-of-guidance>

Attendance:

Following the most recent updates on the virus children should still attend school unless advised not to do so due to recent travel, underlying medical conditions or if they are showing symptoms of Coronavirus, which include a high temperature and/or a new continuous cough. We are advising parents to check with their GP/specialist regarding any existing medical conditions your child has and ask what the implications are if your child was to contract COVID-19. It is important that parents/carers inform school if your child is absent for any of these reasons. School will track pupil absence for a period of seven days. It is also important that school are contacted if your child is absent for other reasons.

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School Closure:

As previously indicated, school will remain open unless we are advised to close by Public Health England or the Government. We have guidelines to follow in cases where children or members of their families become infected with the virus and will advise as necessary.

Communication between School and Home:

In view of current events please could **ALL** parents ensure that school has the correct phone number and e-mail in order to contact you. If you are not receiving any texts or e-mails can you please contact the office **immediately**.

We will also keep you updated via the school website, Parents Facebook Page and Twitter.

Thank you for your continued support and if you have any questions we will endeavour to answer them.

Yours sincerely,

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