



Ellenbrook

COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Coronavirus Update

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Dear Parents\Carers

As you will know from the news on Friday, the Government has announced there will not be a blanket closure of schools across the country, I am sure many of you are aware there have been closures in some schools across Salford including some close to our school. The advice from the Government hasn't changed over the weekend with their current advice to schools being

"No education or children's social care setting should close in response to a suspected or confirmed COVID-19 case unless advised to do so by Public Health".

With this in mind, we wanted to let you know what we will be doing to help delay the spread of the Coronavirus. There are a number of actions we have already implemented as a school.

- We will send children home to self-isolate if they are showing symptoms of the virus.
- We will closely monitor the health of children and staff which may mean asking you to keep your child at home for 7 days if a new, continuous cough or a temperature is detected.
- A thorough cleaning programme is already in place at Ellenbrook and is closely monitored by the Site Manager.
- Dinner tables are already wiped down between settings but from tomorrow cutlery will also be placed on the tables so children will not need to pick their own from the tray.
- We will continue to remind the children about hand washing and have a whole school handwashing assembly tomorrow.
- We will actively seek to reduce the number of visitors into school and those who do attend events such as the Mother's Day reception afternoon this week will be required to follow appropriate hand hygiene rules.
- No new school visits will be planned.
- The plans for this week will not change and we will still be running the Year 4 trip to Robinwood, the Reception Parents Mother's Day afternoon and the Year 3 parental assembly. Of course, if we have updated guidance from the DfE before these events that may change.

We are taking these measures to delay the spread of the virus and hope that you support and understand why these are being implemented. These actions may need to change in the light of any developments, and we will aim to keep you informed as and when they do.

We know there will be many more questions with regards to specifics such as, SATS, school visits, potential school closures and home-schooling support and we will address these in due course.

We will endeavour to keep school open for as long as possible. This will depend on staffing levels and advice from the government. If staffing levels drop substantially, we may have to consider partial closure. If you have any immediate queries, please feel free to speak to the staff on the door and we will do our best to address them.

Many Thanks

Roger Blackburn
Head Teacher