

CRESWELL C.E. INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents and Carers,

As you are 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 are getting in touch to let you know what we are 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 would like to reassure you that at Creswell C of E Infant and Nursery School we are taking all of the necessary steps to protect our community and are continuing to follow official guidance from the Government and Public Health England.

What is the current situation?

- The **school remains open** – this is the current official guidance we have been given.
- All school functions continue to run as normal including breakfast club.
- If you, your child or anyone you live with has the following symptoms you must follow [guidance to stay at home](#):
 - A new, continuous cough and/or
 - A high temperature
- If your child is unwell or is self-isolating, report this as you would normally by calling the school office on 01909 721471.
- **However, in light of the government advice issued last night restricting unnecessary travel and social gatherings, we have taken the decision to postpone all school trips from now until after Easter. A separate letter has gone out regarding the Nursery trip to White Post Farm. As always, the safety of our children is at the heart of every decision we make.**
- At the moment, SATs are still scheduled to go ahead for Year 2 pupils in May 2020.

In line with government daily briefings, we will keep you updated with any pertinent changes to the current situation.

What we are doing to protect and support pupils and staff

- All our children have had several assemblies and reminders, detailing how to effectively wash their hands. These are enforced and monitored throughout the day.
- Additional soap and tissues are available in all classrooms.
- The number of visitors in school has been reduced.

- Our staff team are currently cleaning and disinfecting regularly touched surfaces and objects.
- If children feel ill whilst at school, we will follow the Public Health England guidance and will call you immediately should we be concerned.

What could you do to help us?

- If you have recently changed your contact details, please inform the school office **as soon as possible** via 01909 721471 or info@creswell-inf.derbyshire.sch.uk
- Talk to your children about the coronavirus. It is 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.
- Please collect your child straight away if we call you (we will contact you if they become ill with either a temperature or a new, continuous cough)

What happens if our school has to close?

We will only close if we are either officially advised to do so or we do not have enough staff to operate safely.

In either case, we will:

- Text all parents, post on dojos and publish on our website indicating closure.
- Text all parents, post on dojos and publish on our website details of when we expect to reopen.
- We will be organizing work for children in the event of closure.

Please keep in mind that we are 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 are taking abroad should go ahead.

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

Please contact us should you need additional advice and guidance. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

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