



16th March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Whilst I have updated you on the school newsletters and via the letter I sent out at the end of last week, I wanted to reinforce our messages and provide the following information regarding the actions that have taken place and will continue to do so at Shobnall Primary School and, how you can help and support us to do this whilst we deal with the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic.

We are aware that there is some parental concern at this time around COVID-19 and its impact on school and the community as a whole. Whilst we appreciate that each family will have their own viewpoint on what is best for them and their individual families, as a school we are very much operating a 'business as usual' approach.

The Prime Minister was clear in his public announcement last week that all schools should remain 'open' at the moment. Should the government decide that all schools will close, we have already got things in place for the children to do during the closure, as you have already been made aware of.

We will keep you updated with the latest developments. We have daily information from the DFE (Department for Education) as the situation is constantly changing. Should we need to communicate these updates with you, we will do so via email, text messaging, and/or the school newsletter if appropriate.

I would like to encourage all parents to ensure that they act upon the Government's advice, which does change frequently, by visiting:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/coronavirus-covid-19-uk-government-response>

The Government's message remains clear – the most important thing individuals can do to protect themselves is to wash their hands more often, for at least 20 seconds, with soap and water. Public Health England recommends that in addition to handwashing before eating, and after coughing and sneezing, everyone should also wash hands after using toilets and travelling on public transport.

We continue with the calendar events planned for forthcoming weeks and ask that you adhere to the hygiene rules and hand sanitize on your entry to school. These events will be monitored on a daily and case by case basis. Additionally, education visits, extra-curricular activities, sporting fixtures and activities off-site will continue and we will of course let you know as and when decisions are made regarding these. Please accept our apologies in advance if these decisions cause any inconvenience to you and your families, but you will appreciate that this is not something that we have overall control over.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

Kind regards,

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