

Knowleswood Primary School

Covid-19 Update

17th March 2020



Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to update you on the current situation around the Covid-19 virus.

We take the health and safety of our pupils and staff very seriously and while there is currently no cause for concern at our school, we will keep you updated with any developments.

Current guidance from the Department for Education (DfE) and Public Health England (PHE) remains that schools stay open and children should only stay at home for 14 days if they are unwell with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature. We would also ask that if a family member is isolating, that children / siblings also stay at home for the 14 day isolation time.

The school is preparing work packs for children who may need to self-isolate and will make these available to families as soon as possible.

Whilst the school is still open, we have taken the decision to cancel the parent consultation events, Easter crafts, the year 2 seaside visitor and any family assemblies. The aim of this is to limit children's and families possible exposure to the Covid-19 virus.

From Thursday, breakfast club and after school clubs will be cancelled, meaning tomorrow (Wednesday 18th) will be the last day that breakfast club and after school clubs will be running. We appreciate that this will be an inconvenience to families but must ensure that we have the time and space to rigorously keep up to our cleaning regimes in order to protect our children. We will still have food available for any child as they arrive into school at 8.45.

Additional procedures and rules being put into place today are:

- **Everybody** to wash their hands on entry to school.
- No unnecessary visitors to be in school.
- The entrance to school to be cleaned frequently.
- All surfaces to be cleared fully so that cleaning can be as thorough as possible.
- New water bottles for every child – names on, no sharing and regular cleaning. No water bottles from home to be brought in.
- The purchase of foot pedal bins for toilets and screen/laptop wipes.
- Year 5 swimming to be cancelled.

We will continue to follow advice from the Department of Education and Public Health England and will update you with any advice we receive.

We understand the anxiety that our families are feeling and would like to reassure you that the school is taking every measure to limit children's exposure to the virus in school.

Yours sincerely

Clare Cosgrove

Head of School