



# Wombwell Park Street Primary School

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Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2020

## RE: Coronavirus Update

Dear Parent / Carer,

First of all, many thanks for your continued support. Your smiles and kind words this morning on the drive were most appreciated – thank you! As a school we are trying really hard to stay upbeat, positive and have smiles on our faces in these very challenging times. **Your support is invaluable.**

The current advice, at the point of writing this letter, is that schools remain open. We only have the same guidance as you do and are following the advice issued on the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19#contents>

Following the latest advice outlined by the government to limit the spread of the coronavirus, we may now have some staff who fall into a vulnerable group and are therefore advised to follow advice and to self-isolate. As a result, at some point in the near future we may have to close or partially close the school. We endeavour to remain open until circumstances dictate otherwise (this will be guidance to shut from the Government or a significant amount of staff absence). Obviously we will risk assess the opening of the school each morning and should there be any change, a text will be sent via SchoolComms at the earliest opportunity.

We understand that these are worrying times for us all and we can confirm that these are precautionary measures arising as a result of staff being advised to self-isolate. There are no confirmed cases of coronavirus associated with the school. We ask that parents and carers continue to phone the school office to report any illness or decisions taken within the family to self-isolate as a result of potential symptoms of the virus.

### **Start and end of days and main Reception area:**

Thank you for your understanding and support of the changes to the drop off / pick up arrangements issued earlier this morning. Please can we keep these measures in place for the foreseeable future.

There will be exceptions to this and we will be happy to help in these situations. Also for instances where your child arrives late, an adult will still need to accompany them to the office in line with our safeguarding policy.

As a school we have always operated an open door policy for parents; however, we are now unable to do this and we are asking you to avoid coming into school unless you have a prior appointment. When pupils arrive at school, staff will meet them at the classroom door and parents asked not to enter the school. At home time pupils will be released as normal; in KS1 a member of staff will stand at the classroom and send the children to the appropriate adult.

If you should require Mrs Hitchens' assistance, then please contact her via the telephone, rather than coming in to school.

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**School Discos – 17.3.20:**

As you will be aware we have made the decision to continue with today's discos and spent time risk assessing the events and were confident as a staff team that we could keep these going. Measures have been put in place to limit the frequency of other adults coming in to the school building, so please adhere to these plans which have been sent via text message this morning.

**Science Show for Years 1 – 6 – 18.3.20:**

We have been in contact with the theatre company today and have received confirmation from them that no one visiting school from their company has been in contact with anyone who is suffering any of the symptoms or the actual virus and are safe to be in school.

**After School Clubs cancelled from 18.3.20:**

We have taken the decision to cancel extra-curricular after school clubs from and including Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2020. Payments, where possible will be transferred to later dates or reviewed for refunds in due course.

***Morning Activity Club and Kidz Club will still be operating as normal.***

**Year 4 swimming - 19.3.20:**

This is to carry on as normal, following an update from the Leisure Centre today.

**Easter Coffee Morning – 20.3.20:**

It is with regret, but we think it is sensible to postpone our Easter Coffee Morning, which was planned in for this Friday. Hopefully, we will be able to re-arrange this at a more settled and safer time for the school community. All paid for tickets will run over to the next Coffee Morning.

**Tuck Shops cancelled from 18.3.20:**

Tuck Shops are now cancelled for the foreseeable future. In the meantime we are happy for you to provide your child with a healthy snack if you feel this is appropriate.

**Hand washes and hugs!**

Please could you continue to speak to your children about ensuring they wash their hands as much as possible. In addition to this, we are speaking to the children regarding close contact with friends and staff. We are openly talking to them about preferred ways of showing care e.g. air hugs, tap of the foot / elbow! This is in line with the Government's recent advice around non-essential social contact.

We will continue to keep you updated and will provide information regarding next week's events as soon as possible. Many thanks for your continued support and as always we are here to serve the community and help where possible.

Mrs C Lawson  
Headteacher