



Chestnuts Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers

With the nation being hit by the Covid-19, I wanted to take the opportunity to reassure you about the schools' actions and plans, and also ensure you are aware of the advice being given by the Government that the school is following.

The Government guidelines currently say that people are to self-isolate for 7 days if they show the following symptoms:

- A temperature
- A new, continuous cough

This does not mean that all members of the family need to self-isolate – only those showing the above symptoms.

The guidance can be viewed on our school website on the following link:

<https://www.chestnutsprimaryschool.co.uk/parents/absence/>

Following this advice some staff will inevitably need to self-isolate as will many of our children. Classes will be covered by known staff should teachers be self-isolating. There may come a point at which certain classes or year groups cannot be safely supervised and so partial closure of the school may be necessary to ensure safety. If we do have to close some classes, children will be provided with packs of work to enable them to continue their education at home.

If any child in school becomes unwell during the day, we will take their temperature. If they have a high temperature we will be contacting you and asking you to isolate them for 7 days as per the guidance. Again, there is no direction at this point to isolate other children.

The school will remain open for as long as we are allowed, or until staff numbers make it unsafe to do so. This will be risk assessed daily and decisions will be made as early as possible each day. Any partial or full closures will be notified via our normal channels of email, Facebook and MarvellousMe.

Obviously, these are difficult times for us all, and I ask, as inconvenient as it will be for us to send your children home or to close, that you understand we are doing so to ensure the safety of all whilst following the most recent advice from the Government.

Your sincerely

Becky Skillings
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