



Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Coronavirus update

Wilcombe Primary School has been keeping up to date with the latest government advice regarding Coronavirus.

We are trying to maintain the highest standards of cleanliness within the school and are supporting all of our pupils and staff to maintain high standards of basic personal hygiene. Our cleaning team are checking soap and towel dispensers and refilling them on a regular basis and staff are talking to pupils regularly about the importance of thorough hand washing.

As of Thursday 12th March the government has moved to the “delay” phase of its action plan to tackle the virus. **Schools currently remain open.**

The additional advice from government which is likely to have an impact on schools and industry is *anyone with a “new, continuous” cough or high temperature is now advised to self-isolate for seven days.*

This new emphasis may well lead to an increase in staff and student absence. With regards to staff absence I need to make you aware that dependent upon the level of staff absence it **may** result in a partial or full closure of the school.

If we resort to a partial or full closure parents will be informed in the following way;

- 1) Parents/Carers will receive an email from the school by 8am that morning.
- 2) Parents/carers need to check the information on the website by clicking on the Coronavirus link.

The Department for Education continues to keep schools updated on the government’s response to COVID-19 (Coronavirus) and have launched a new Coronavirus helpline to answer questions about COVID-19 related to education. Staff, parents and young people can contact the helpline as follows: Phone 08000468687, opening hours are 8:00am to 6:00pm (Monday to Friday) or via email at DfE.Coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk

We are aware that the government COBRA committee is meeting regularly to review their action plan and the impact of Coronavirus.

Should the government make any further adjustments to the “delay” phase we will receive direction from them and we will inform you of this and our response.

If any closure is necessary, we will provide support to students to continue with their learning. This will be through a range of methods that we will be discussed with children and which will also then be shared with parents/carers.

However, at the moment and until you hear from us directly, we are open and it is business as usual.

Regards

Reg Gilbert