



Phoenix Infant Academy

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Dear Parents/Carers,

As you are probably aware, the Government's guidance on the coronavirus has changed from the 'contain' phase to one of delaying the spread of the virus. We are getting in touch to let you know what we are doing in light of this, and what we expect from all of you to help ensure our school community keeps safe and calm.

We would like to reassure you that at Phoenix Infant Academy we are taking all of the necessary steps to protect our community and are continuing to follow official guidance from the Government, Baylis Court Trust and the Local Authority.

What is the current situation?

- **The school remains open** – this is the current official guidance we have been given;
- All school clubs (breakfast, after-school and Friday enrichment) continue to run as normal;
- Reception's trip to Odds Farm Park has been cancelled and will be rescheduled at a later date;
- All parent events have been cancelled for the remainder of this half term. The RSE consultation optional meeting has been rescheduled to Wednesday 22nd April;
- If your child has any of the following symptoms they should *remain at home for 7 days*:
 - a new, continuous cough and/or
 - a temperature of 37.8 degrees or higher.

If your child is unwell, please report this as you would normally by following the school's absence reporting procedures within 'Parents'; 'Attendance'.

We have also created a 'Coronavirus' page on the school website (see below). We will be providing daily updates from Public Health England and the school when required. Please ensure you stay up-to-date by clicking on 'Coronavirus Update' within the 'Parents' tab at www.phoenixinfants.uk.



What we are doing to protect and support pupils and staff

- We continue to circulate updates from the Department for Education and Public Health England to staff when received;
- Our weekly newsletters continue to include information on how to protect yourself and others;
- Class teachers are continuing to emphasise the importance of washing hands and are checking this regularly;
- Assemblies are now only taking place in classes;
- Staff are ensuring any child demonstrating anxiety is supported through whatever means appropriate;

If you need help reading this letter, please ask at the office.

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- Any child with either a temperature or a new, continuous cough will be sensitively isolated with supervision and activities and parents contacted immediately to collect.

What we need you to do

- Ensure the data collection sheets sent out several weeks ago are returned ASAP with any amendments. If you have changed your contact details following their distribution, please inform the school office as soon as possible via telephone;
- Talk to your children about the coronavirus. It is an uncertain time and we should make sure children feel supported. BBC Newsround has regular updates for younger children.
- Come and collect your child straight away if we ask you to.

What happens if the school has to close?

We will only close if we are either officially advised to do so or we do not have enough staff to run the school safely. If this is the case, we will do everything we can to ensure that disruption to your child's learning is minimised.

As such, tomorrow, your child will be bringing home a booklet of activities to complete should we close. Further details can be found in the accompanying letter.

In the event of a longer closure, we will continue to provide learning activities for children to complete via the 'Kids' Zone!' section of the website. (See right).

If we close, you will be informed via the following:

- Text message;
- Twitter (@phoenixinfants);
- On the 'Coronavirus' section of the school website as detailed on page 1 of this letter.



You will be informed about re-opening in the same ways.

Please keep in mind that we are only sending out this information to help the school community prepare. **There are currently no plans to close.**

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me via the school office.

For specific coronavirus concerns, please use NHS 111 online if at all possible before calling 111. Please call the Department for Education's coronavirus helpline on 0800 046 8687, if you have any questions about the Government's response to coronavirus in relation to schools.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Pelazza

Principal

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