



## Whetstone Field Primary School

17<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parents

I wanted to write to you following the government's latest Coronavirus advice. It is undoubtedly a worrying and uncertain time for everyone and we want to make sure we are doing everything we can to slow the spread of the virus in our community and beyond. Yesterday we sent out a letter detailing the school's response and actions to the Coronavirus outbreak. If you didn't receive this letter please check your child's bag. The letter is also available on our website at [www.whetstonefield.co.uk](http://www.whetstonefield.co.uk)

As of today (Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March) we have no confirmed cases of the virus amongst our pupils or staff. We have had a very small number of children not in school today and a few of these absences are due to the guidelines set out by the government yesterday regarding household isolation. The latest guidance is that if anyone in a household shows symptoms of a new or persistent cough or a temperature over 37.8C, then EVERYONE in that household should self-isolate for 14 days. We urge you to follow this guidance.

We have almost a full staff team working today and we are able to continue as usual and hopefully for as long as possible.

If you call the school to report an absence can you please leave as much detail as possible about the symptoms. We have to send a report to the Local Authority daily with numbers of children absent and the reasons for their absence.

We have had some requests from parents whose children are not in school for us to provide some personalised work for them to do whilst at home. At this point with the school still operating as normal this is not possible as staff are continuing to plan the lessons in school and also preparing packs of work in preparation for a full school closure should it be announced in the future. Should the school be forced to close we will send these packs home for children to work through as well as providing online guidance and activities through Tapestry and Showbie.

Thank you all for your continued support and understanding during this very difficult time for all.

Yours faithfully

Mr S. Cox  
Headteacher