

PENWORTHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear parents,

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 would like to reassure you that we are taking all of the necessary steps to protect our community and are continuing to follow official guidance from the government and local authority.

The current situation:

- The **school remains open** – this is the current official guidance that we have been given
- Pupils should attend school unless they feel unwell. If your child has a new, continuous cough and/or a temperature of over 37.8 degrees, they **should remain at home for 14 days**
- If your child is unwell, report this as you would normally by telephoning school
- If a child or member of staff in school has a new, continuous cough and/or a temperature, they will be asked to **go home and remain at home for 14 days**
- Anyone who lives with someone who has a cough or a temperature **should stay at home for 14 days**
- We are continuing to enforce good hygiene practices including handwashing as explained in previous communication. If your child needs any hand creams/gel, please hand these into the class teacher, making sure they are clearly named
- In an attempt to minimise the potential spread of any infections in school we have made the following decisions:
 - **The Reception Class Assembly and Stay and Play will be postponed until the Summer Term**
 - **Induction group on Thursday will not go ahead until further notice. We know that this will be disappointing and is not a decision taken lightly**
 - **The Easter Bingo event is cancelled as, I am sure you can appreciate, it would be unwise to have so many people in close proximity**
 - **All after school clubs and lessons that are run by outside agencies have been cancelled until further notice. These include Futsal, Pro-Skills, Move It Mornings, Curling, Swimming, Jujitsu, Keyboard and Guitar lessons**
 - **If you need to speak with staff at school, we request that you do this by telephone as much as possible rather than coming into the building**
- School has been contacted by South Ribble Sports with the decision that all events and competitions are cancelled until further notice. This includes the football league games and gymnastic tournament this week.
- If you have recently changed your contact details, please inform the school office as soon as possible via telephone.
- We are currently considering the best way to continue learning in the event of school closure for any length of time. The details of this will be communicated to you via the school website and/or email.

Please keep in mind that we are sending out this information to help the school community prepare, to support you in making judgements of your own and with the best interests of our young people. We will do all we can to enable school to function as normal and keep you up to date with any changes to the current situation by email in order not to cause any distress to the children. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Gaskell

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Acting Headteacher/Chair of Governors