

# Coronavirus Update



16th March 2020

Dear parents/carers,

As you're 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're getting in touch to let you know what we're doing in light of this, and what we expect from all of you, to help make sure our school community keeps safe and calm.

We'd like to reassure you that at Crosslee Community Primary School we're taking all of the necessary steps to protect our community and are continuing to follow official guidance from the government and Manchester LA.

## What's the current situation?

- The **school remains open** – this is the current official guidance we've been given
- Breakfast Club will continue as normal – all other after school clubs and activities are cancelled up to Easter, this includes Parents Evening and swimming.
- Pupils should attend unless they feel unwell – 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
- If your child is unwell, report this as you would normally by ringing the school on 0161 795 8493, by speaking to the school office or by email; [admin@crosslee.manchester.sch.uk](mailto:admin@crosslee.manchester.sch.uk)
- The attendance treat is presently cancelled. Families will not be penalised for appropriate absence for self-isolation in line with Government guidance.
- Any upcoming trips have been cancelled up to Easter.
- Tests presently continue to be planned to be completed. KS1 for the month of May starting from the 4th May, Year 4 Times tables from the 8th June within a 3 week period and KS2 tests on the week of 11th May and Phonics week beginning 8<sup>th</sup> June.
- We'll keep you up to date with any changes to the current situation

## What we're doing to protect and support pupils and staff

- If a pupil is feeling ill on the school premises we will contact you to pick up your child as soon as possible.
- We are completing daily cleaning as always with a focus on door handles, switches etc
- Ensuring regular hand-washing and providing hand sanitiser (as available).
- Lessons for pupils about hygiene and how to deal with anxiety.
- We are presently looking into possible systems for on-line / distance learning if needed in the weeks ahead. We will contact you with more information in the near future.

### **What we need you to do**

- If you've recently changed your contact details, please inform the school office **as soon as possible** via email / telephone or in person at the office. It is crucial we have this correct information.
- Talk to your children about the Coronavirus. It's a scary time and we should make sure children feel supported. BBC Newsround has regular updates for children.
- Send your child with their own named water bottle which should go home each day and be washed.
- Come and collect your child straight away, if we ask you to (we'll contact you if they become ill with either a temperature or a new, continuous cough)
- See website for links to useful websites. Teachers will be re-issuing log ins.

### **What happens if the school has to close?**

We'll only close if we're either officially advised to do so or we don't have enough staff to run the school.

In either case, we'll

- Alert parents to closure through a post on our website and a text message.
- We will let parents know about reopening through the website and text.
- In addition to the website, we will send work by a means that we are presently looking into.

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

### **If you have any questions**

Please consult the:

- School office, if you have any questions about our response to this issue
- NHS, if you want to know more about the symptoms of Coronavirus. If you think you or your child may have the symptoms, use NHS 111 online if at all possible before calling 111
- Department for Education's Coronavirus helpline: 0800 046 8687, if you have any questions about the government's response to Coronavirus in relation to schools
- Government's travel advice, if you want to know whether any upcoming trip or holiday you're taking abroad should go ahead

This is, for us all, a difficult time and we know you're worried about the impact this might have on our community. It's important we keep each other safe and talk about these events to help with any anxiety. Thank you for your continued support.

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Headteacher