



Consett Infant School
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Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Coronavirus

I am writing to update you about the school's current position regarding Coronavirus.

We take the health and safety and wellbeing of our pupils and staff very seriously, and, as such, we want to reassure you that we are following the guidance from Public Health England and the Department for Education (DfE).

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19>

The risk is currently low in County Durham, however to minimise the spread of any infection in school we are:

- Reminding staff and children about the importance of regular hand washing,
- Using antibacterial cleaning products
- Regular cleaning of door handles and surfaces
- Displaying posters around school
- Working with the children to ensure high standard of cleanliness.

As you may be aware, we have the following events planned but these will now be cancelled:

- 25th March – Y2 joint class assembly
- 1st April – Reception class assembly
- 1st April – Easter concert (Y1 and Y2)
- 2nd April - Easter concert (Y1 and Y2)

If circumstances arise where the school must close, we will inform you in our usual way via the school app and website

We are currently making plans for supporting your child's education should a closure become necessary and will keep you informed on this.

Prevent the spread of infection

Make sure you and your children follow these general principles to prevent spreading any respiratory virus:

- Wash your hands often – with soap and water and scrub for at least 20 seconds, or an alcohol-based sanitiser if soap and water aren't available
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands
- Avoid close contact with people who are unwell
- If you feel unwell, stay at home and don't attend work or school
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then place the tissue in a bin and then wash your hands

- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces in the home
- If you're worried about your symptoms, please call NHS 111 – don't go directly to your GP or other healthcare environment

The most recent UK government advice (17.03.2020) is that anyone with a new continuous cough or a high temperature should self-isolate for fourteen days.

As I mentioned, we are following the guidance from Public Health England and the DfE, but this is being updated regularly in response to the changing situation. We will monitor and follow the national guidance as it is updated and would urge you to do the same.

If you or your child have any further concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact

Thank you for your support,

Julia Graham

Headteacher