



*Consett Infant School*  
Member of  
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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to tell you of our preparations around managing the coronavirus. As I write there are no confirmed cases in our area but as a federation we have met to ensure that we are doing all we can to keep our students and staff safe and to plan for the possibility of school closures, should that be mandated nationally.

At this moment the advice from the Department for Education and Public Health England is that schools remain open. Currently we are ensuring students wash their hands regularly using soap and water and we are encouraging this through poster campaigns and assemblies. You can support us in this by talking to your children in an age appropriate way about hand washing. There are several good resources available at <https://campaignresources.phe.gov.uk/schools>

We will do our best to keep schools open and are planning for what to do should be hit by high levels of staff absence. This may mean that classes would be larger or mixed more and that we may need to adapt the curriculum.

In the event of schools having to close we have checked our IT systems and teachers will post work on the class pages of the school website (<http://www.consett-inf.durham.sch.uk/our-classes/>) for pupils to complete at home and an app notification will be sent out to parents advising them of this via Our Schools App.

Updates on the situation will be sent regularly to parents via the school app. In the meantime, school remains open. If you or your child present as unwell and you suspect that you may have contracted coronavirus please follow the national guidance and contact NHS 111 for advice. Please do not send your child into school without following that guidance first.

I hope that you will work with us to ensure everyone's wellbeing.

Julia Graham  
Headteacher