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CofE Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Yesterday afternoon, Boris Johnson addressed the nation with the latest advice for the British people. The most notable change for our school is that families of people who are self-isolating are now asked to stay at home and not to go out for two weeks. This will have an impact on a small number of our children who have relatives at home with a fever or new persistent cough. At the time of writing this letter, there are zero confirmed cases within our school community. Please do not be tempted to react to social media hype and gossip that is not based on fact. At Canon Johnson, we will act as swiftly as possible to get the most up-to-date facts to you as information from the Government emerges.

Please be advised that advice from Government is changing daily and we will keep you up to date via letters, the school website and the school jotter app..

In this letter I want to inform you of the measures which are in place to minimise the effects of the virus in school and what might be expected to happen in the event of a school closure.

We are minimising the virus in school by:

- increasing focus and guidance on hygiene in school regarding hand washing.
- asking parents to send in a water bottle with your child's name on if pupils want to drink water.
- undertaking a review of risk assessments for visits, visitors and events:
  - assemblies will now be held in class or in their own area
  - the Mother's Day Coffee morning will be postponed
  - our Easter Eucharist and Easter Bingo will be cancelled
  - our year 3 assembly will be postponed
  - Celebration assemblies will be pupils and staff only
- urging parents to be vigilant. Do not bring children to school if they have a temperature and a new cough. Advice is that the whole family self-isolate for 14 days.
- instructing parents to take their child home. If a parent brings a child in the morning and tells a member of staff that their child has these symptoms or if an older child arrives at the door with symptoms then staff will ring parents to ask them to collect their child
- contacting parents to collect their child if they have developed a high temperature or a new cough and appears unwell during the school day. This is a difficult decision for staff to make as children often have coughs in school. Staff have been advised to use the same judgement, whilst in our care, as we would expect from a sensible parent.
- advising parents to keep at home the siblings of children who are displaying symptoms.



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- advising staff to stay off school if they display symptoms or need to be at home to care for their children or vulnerable relatives.
- monitoring pupil staff ratios in order to maintain a safe standard of care and education.

School may close ahead of Public Health England instruction if the staff pupil ratio is compromised.

#### In the event of a School Closure

- You will be notified of a school closure by text and the school app. It is very important that you send us up to date details if your contact details have changed so we have included a reply slip to include this that must be sent back to school if you think we do not have an up to date contact number. Information will also be added to COVID-19 UPDATES page on the website homepage.
- Staff are already putting plans in place to be in a position to provide work and online learning suggestions for parents and their children. Our main method of communicating will be activities on the individual class page of the website, a copy of the school app installation instructions are attached to this letter. We will not expect Parents/Carers to print work out at home but access to a PC/tablet or phone will be beneficial. Please speak to your child's class teacher if this is a problem for you.
- Please check with your children and class teachers that you know any necessary passwords to access learning platforms.
- If you have a question for school whilst the building is closed the best way to communicate with us is via email at [admin@canonjohnson.co.uk](mailto:admin@canonjohnson.co.uk) and we will do our best to answer questions as quickly as possible. If the building is closed voice mail messages will not be retrieved.
- If your child develops a high temperature or a new cough whilst at home or is diagnosed with COVID-19, please let us know at [admin@canonjohnson.co.uk](mailto:admin@canonjohnson.co.uk) as this will help us to communicate with Public Health England
- We will continue to communicate with you via text, the website and email.

We recognise that this is an anxious time for all of us, children and adults alike. If you would like ideas about supporting your child to understand more about the virus please visit

<https://www.emotionallyfriendly.co.uk/resources/posts/2020/march/how-to-talk-to-children-about-the-coronavirus/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/51342366>

We aim to keep you updated of any changes to the situation or new guidance and advice. You will also find advice and guidance online at [www.nhs.uk/coronavirus](http://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus)



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We hope you will support us in our decisions to keep everyone as healthy and educated as possible.

We send our very best wishes to everyone in the Canon Johnson community.

Yours sincerely

Mr Mark Bidgood  
Headteacher  
Canon Johnson CE Primary School

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Dear parent,

So that we have your most up to date phone number in case of a school closure, please could you complete this reply slip and return it to your child's class teacher as soon as possible.

Name of pupil:.....

Up to date contact number: .....

Signed (parent):.....



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