



SKERTON
ST LUKE'S
CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

16th March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

In light of the ever changing situation with Coronavirus and government advice, I thought it best to send out a letter regarding the Coronavirus outbreak. We are keeping abreast of latest advice and trying to interpret what it means for our school community.

Last week, the government released new 'Stay at Home' guidance, which you can find using the link below.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-people-with-confirmed-or-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

The key message of this guidance states that if you, or your child, displays the symptoms of COVID-19 (new, continuous cough and/or high temperature) then they should stay at home for 7 days from when the symptoms started. There will be no testing as such and people are advised to contact NHS 111 if symptoms become unmanageable.

In terms of school, we are to remain open and this is what we will try to do. If your child is absent and school is open, we will not be sending work home for your child to complete at this stage. If we do have to close then work will be set on a daily basis as long as staff are well enough to do this.

If we are concerned that your child is developing a new, persistent cough, we will contact you to ask you to collect your child. We then ask you to follow the 7-day guidance on staying at home. If your child is not showing the symptoms set out in government advice, then they should continue to come to school. We continue to encourage our children to wash their hands regularly and thoroughly with soap and water.

A challenge we may face is the level of staffing we have in school. I am pleased to let you know that at the moment, we are all fit and well, however, I would like to stress that should our level of staffing reduce, this may lead to partial school closure. This is not the case at present, and I will inform you if this changes. I would ask you to work with us and be prepared should this have to happen.

I have decided at this time to cancel all whole school gatherings including morning worship and Celebration Worship. Please be vigilant and check your messages (please ensure you are using and checking regularly the school APP), the news page on the school website and children's bags for school letters, as this is where this information will get to you.

If you have any queries, please ring the school. Many thanks for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher