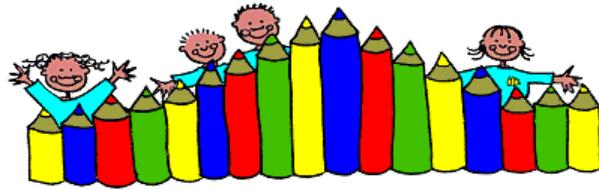


# Oldbrook First School

## Living and Learning Together



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Monday 16 March 2020

Dear Parents / Carers

### Re: Coronavirus Update

School will continue to remain open until such time that we are instructed to close or we need to close due to staff absence. It is important that your child is kept at home for 7 days if they present with flu-like symptoms – a fever above 37.8C or persistent cough. Please contact the school office to report your child's absence and also inform the member of staff that you are self-isolating. If your child is going to be absent from school, please could we remind you to cancel their school lunch through School Grid.

Parents of children who have been absent due to the above symptoms or through self-isolation will also need to telephone the school to speak to a member of the Leadership Team to discuss your child's health and recovery to ensure they are well enough to return to school after the 7-day isolation period.

To ensure that we keep our school community as safe as possible and to protect the most vulnerable to try and reduce the spread of any germs or viruses we have made the following decisions. It is important that during times of difficulty we pull together as a community to support one another and prepare in a calm and purposeful way but most importantly we remember to think of others.

- To reduce the amount of people on the playground we will be operating a staggered start and end to the school day. Children can be dropped off through the playground doors from 8.35am until 8.50am. The children will be required to wash their hands once they have entered the school building. Please minimise any waiting around on the playground and close contact with others. At the end of the day all children will wash their hands before leaving school. The doors will open from 2.50pm onwards and will be open until 3.05pm. As per our current safeguarding arrangements children will only be allowed to leave with adults known on registration forms. It is important that hand washing is repeated once you arrive home.



- All Parent consultations for this term have been cancelled to reduce the number of visitors within the school building. Teachers will send home target sheets that would have been shared with you this week in your child's book bag. We apologise for any inconvenience that this may have caused.
- Learning Celebrations, the Year 1 Class Assembly and any Easter activities have also been cancelled for this term to reduce the impact of any larger gatherings.
- The Year 1 visit to Milton Keynes Museum tomorrow and the Year 2 animal visit on 24 March 2020 have both been cancelled as a precaution. We hope to re-book both visits later in the year.
- Home-learning packs have been produced and copied last week as a precaution in case the school is directed by the Government to close. These packs are for a two week period and will be supplemented by on-line learning tasks through Purple Mash which will be set by class teachers in the event of school closure. Although we are not closed these packs will be sent home in your child's book bag today just in case. Please do not complete these tasks unless the school is closed.
- Additional cleaning routines for high impact areas are taking place – chairs, tables, taps, handles etc.
- An isolation room has been set up for the purpose of anyone who develops symptoms within the school day. Parents will be called to collect the child promptly and a deep clean of this area will be undertaken.

If your child has an on-going medical condition or treatment that will make them vulnerable then please contact the school by telephone to speak to myself directly as a matter of urgency.

There are also families within our school community who may not have the finances to prepare as well as they would like for the coming weeks. Please help and support each other as best you can as well as speak to me directly if you are in hardship.

There may also come a time due to staff absence that we may have to partially close or fully close school. We have a plan in place for these scenarios and the decision will be based on pupils' safety.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding during this unprecedented time. If you have any questions or would like to discuss anything in more detail then please telephone the school directly.

Kind regards

K. Hopkins

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Headteacher