



## Stowlawn Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to update you with information and decisions we have taken in school around the current situation involving Covid -19 (Coronavirus).

We do talk to the children about the virus, in terms of what they hear in the news, and that they can still come to school as normal and there is nothing to worry about. Every day, children are reminded to wash their hands on a regular basis, especially before and after breaktimes and lunchtimes. We are also promoting the message that all tissues should be disposed of in the bin straight after use. All these guidelines are also being followed by all staff.

Any visitors who come into school to work with children (eg. Soccer 2000, Wolverhampton Music School) are also being asked to ensure they follow these hygiene procedures.

School is thoroughly cleaned every evening, and the cleaning staff always wipe down handles and doors, as well as the usual general cleaning duties.

We have had no cases of Covid-19 diagnosed in school, and we continue to follow the guidance issued to us from Public Health England, the local authority and the Government. If a firm case was diagnosed, we would also follow their advice about how to deal with the situation.

However, we recognize that we have children and parents in our school community, who the government class as "vulnerable" (for example with asthma, or undergoing forms of medical treatment).

Following consultation with staff and governors, we have decided to take the following measures for the rest of this term :

- From today we shall postpone any events that involve parents coming into school for group events. For example, assemblies, parent "drop in" learning sessions, and the sports relief mile scheduled for Friday. As you know, a recent focus has been giving you the opportunity to come into school more, so this has been a very difficult decision. 1 to 1 meetings with staff will still continue.
- Year 5 swimming will be postponed until after the Easter holiday. Whilst there is no evidence of any virus being passed through water, the children do access public changing rooms and we cannot control the cleaning of this environment.

Many of us are parents ourselves, and we understand your fears and concerns. Please rest assured that any decisions we take now and in the future, are always taken to ensure the safety and well being of our children in school.

If you have any questions or queries, please just ask.

Thanks for your on-going support, and we look forward to welcoming you back into school very soon!

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