

Dear Parents and Carers,

As I explained in my letter last week we will continue to aim to keep the school open for the benefit of the children and for our families. However, I know you will appreciate that this is becoming an increasingly challenging situation.

Thankyou for following the self-isolation guidelines from yesterday if there is someone in your household who is self-isolating or has symptoms of a high temperature and/or a new continuous cough **all the household** must now self-isolate. The self-isolation period (as from yesterday) is now **14 days**.

Some of our staff have needed to self-isolate due to symptoms of a high temperature and/or a new continuous cough and I have ensured their classes or duties have been covered. There will now be an added need for some staff to self-isolate if family members are self-isolating due to symptoms. I will continue to cover classes while there are sufficient staff available and am monitoring this daily to plan ahead as far as possible.

Although there is currently no directive to close schools. The staff and I are planning for that eventuality in case it happens, **If** we have an enforced closure:-

1. We will ensure you have your login details for all the online resources we provide
2. Teachers will send home paper based for learning at home including reading books
3. We will post simplified teaching 'input' for lessons on the Learning Platform each day
4. We will provide a suggested 'timetable' to support a routine and reasonable expectation for learning
5. We will ensure it is possible to communicate with us via email for the office and via Learning Platform in relation to the children's learning

Children who are currently absent from school

While we are aware that a number of children do have coughs or symptoms of a fever we cannot provide any additional resources for these individuals at this stage. We recommend that for those children in self-isolation parents refer to the website for 'what we are learning this week' as well as use 'spelling shed', 'mathletics' and 'espresso'.

We very much hope that this planning will not be necessary but wanted to reassure you that we are thinking ahead and will want to provide for the children's continuing learning as far possible.

With best wishes,

Yours Sincerely,

Carol Rusby