



Greenfield Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers

RE: CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

As you are no doubt aware, the government guidance on the Coronavirus has changed from “contain” phase to one of delaying the spread of the virus. I am writing to let you know what we are doing in school in light of this, and what we expect from all of you, to help make sure our school and community keeps safe and calm. I would like to reassure you that we are taking all the necessary steps to protect our school community and are continuing to follow official guidance from the government, Public Health England and Oldham Council.

The Current Situation:

- * School remains open – this is the official guidance.
- * All school functions continue to run as normal, including clubs before and after school.
- * Pupils should attend school unless they feel unwell – if your child has any of the following symptoms they should stay at home for 7 days:
 - a new, continuous cough
 - a temperature of 37.8 degrees Celsius or higher
- * If your child is unwell please contact school before 10.00am as you would normally.
- * Some school events will be cancelled / postponed such as competitions, school trips (activities involving the wider community), assemblies, parent workshops, parents’ evenings etc to reduce the risk to our school community.

What we are doing to protect / support pupils and staff:

- * If a child feels ill at school, we will inform parents / carers to collect their child.
- * Additional hand washing by children will be monitored by staff.
- * Additional lessons on hygiene are being delivered by teachers.
- * All door handles, desktops etc are being cleaned regularly throughout the day.
- * Posters reminding everyone of hygiene and hand washing have been put up around school.

What we need you to do:

- * If you have recently changed any contact details please inform the school office immediately.
- * Talk to your children about Coronavirus. It can be scary if they misunderstand and they themselves will need supporting.
- * Do make arrangements to collect your child urgently if we call you to say your child is unwell.

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What happens if school has to close:

We will only close school if we are officially advised to do so by the government, Public Health England or Oldham Council. Some schools have closed because they do not have enough staff to run the school (due to self-isolation). If this happens, we will:

- Inform parents/carers via ParentMail
- Inform parents/carers via our school website: www.greenfieldprimaryschool.com

Please bear in mind we are only sending out this information to help the school community prepare. There are no plans at the moment to close the school. The NHS 111 is the best source of advice.

Please refer to my previous communication regarding school/homework in the event of closure. This can also be found on our school website: <https://www.greenfieldprimaryschool.com/letters/>

Thank you for your continued support in this difficult and ever-changing situation. Together we will work to keep all our children, families and staff as safe as possible.

Yours sincerely

Mr M Wood
Headteacher