

## ST CHAD'S PATCHWAY CE VC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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### **Re: Coronavirus/COVID-19 update**

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to provide a further update to parents/carers following the most recent Government advice this evening. At this point, we will remain open until further notice, however there are further guidelines that we need to ask you to adhere to moving forward.

Any children showing symptoms (a persistent cough/new cough **and/or** high temperature 37.8 or above) are now advised to self-isolate for fourteen days. Please inform the school (01454 866523) if this is the case. If your child is currently at home self-isolating, they will now need to stay home for a total of fourteen days before returning to school. In addition to this, the Government has asked that if you are in a household where any one member is experiencing these symptoms that the whole family self-isolate for fourteen days. We have also been asked to stop all non-essential contact with others at this point. We will send further information on additional school events as and when they arise as these will now be limited.

Given this recent advice, I need to notify you that should staff levels be affected to a point where safeguarding becomes a concern, we may need to close. We will continue to keep you updated on this. You will be informed via a text message and the school website (similar to snow closure).

The school continues to follow Government and Local Authority guidelines with regards to the current outbreak of COVID-19. People with symptoms are no longer required to call NHS 111 but are instead urged to look for information on the [NHS website](#) and [111 online](#). We have a duty of care to all the pupils, families and staff at the school and it is the duty of everyone to act responsibly.

The Department for Education has a helpline to answer questions about the virus related to education. Staff, parents and young people can contact the helpline as follows:

Phone: 0800 046 8687

Email: [DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk](mailto:DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk)

Opening hours: 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday).

For further information on COVID-19, please see the Government and NHS guidelines which are updated on a daily basis: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public> and <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

We appreciate that these new measures may cause some inconvenience to parents, but during these uncertain times, we must follow government advice to safeguard children, their families and staff. We will continue to update you with changes via text links where you can access further government guidelines.

Kind regards,  
Steph Jenkins (Headteacher)

