

ST CHAD'S PATCHWAY CE VC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Re: Coronavirus/COVID-19 update

Dear Parents/Carers,

As I'm sure you are already aware, the UK has moved to the "Delay" stage of its response to COVID-19 (Coronavirus) following an emergency Cobra meeting on 12 March. At this point, the impact on schools is minimal and we will remain open until further notice.

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. Any children showing symptoms (a persistent cough/new cough **and/or** high temperature 37.8 or above) are now advised to self-isolate for seven days. Please inform the school (01454 866523) if this is the case.

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

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/>

Travelling abroad

If you have travelled, or are considering travelling abroad to any area on the Government risk list, please ensure that you follow the appropriate Government guidelines and also inform the school. The National Travel Health Network and Centre has also produced general advice (<https://travelhealthpro.org.uk/news/499/novel-coronavirus-covid-19-general-advice-for-travellers>) on preparing for foreign travel and how individuals can help reduce the spread of respiratory viruses during the COVID-19 outbreak.

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

