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Dear Parents/Carers,

Coronavirus update

We're getting in touch to let you know what we're doing in light of current unprecedented events to help make sure our school community keeps safe and calm.

We'd like to reassure you that at Stanford Junior and Infant School we're taking all of the necessary steps to protect our community and are continuing to follow official guidance from the government and Local Authority. The DfE link has already been shared with parents/carers by text and is also on the school website for information.

What's the current situation?

- The **school currently remains open** – this is the current official guidance we've been given
- Pupils should attend school unless they feel unwell – if your child has any of the following symptoms they **should remain at home for 14 days**:
 - a new, continuous cough and/or
 - a temperature
- If your child is unwell, report this as you would normally do
- Anyone who lives with someone with symptoms should also self-isolate for 14 days
- Non-essential school events have been/are being cancelled/postponed by the organization and businesses involved eg swimming lessons at Whitgift, ICT Workshop, Healthy Food Workshop, Scholastic Book Fayre etc.
- Laceby Library is currently closed

What we're doing to protect and support pupils and staff -

- We will contact you immediately if your child is showing the signs of illness as outlined above
- Ensuring regular hand-washing / providing hand sanitisers and continued reminders to pupils
- Reminder lessons for pupils about hygiene etc
- We'll keep you up to date with any changes to the current situation
- We will continue to use the text service and school web site to share information

What would be very helpful -

- If you've recently changed your contact details, please inform the school office **as soon as possible** via telephone to pass on new details
- Talk to your children about the coronavirus. [BBC Newsround](http://www.bbc.com/news/health-53422222) has regular updates for younger children
- Come and collect your child straight away, if we ask you to (we'll contact you if they become ill with either a temperature or a new, continuous cough)

What happens if the school has to close?

- Our current procedure is to alert parents to closure, via our text service and a post on the school website
- We will be adding further learning activities to the school web site and useful free web resources
- FSM (not universal) pupils will be entitled to a packed –lunch provided by Chartwells

The DfE is still advising schools to stay open, unless:

- Our local health protection team tells us to close, or
- We don't have enough staff in to run the school – we would make this assessment with support from our local authority

The chief scientific adviser has now said it "may be necessary" to think about closures in the future.

Please keep in mind that we're only sending out this information to help the school community prepare.

If you have any questions, please consult the:-

- School office, if you have any questions about our response to this issue
- [NHS](#), if you want to know more about the symptoms of coronavirus. If you think you or your child may have the symptoms, use [NHS 111 online](#) if at all possible before calling 111
- Department for Education's coronavirus helpline: 0800 046 8687, if you have any questions about the government's response to coronavirus in relation to schools

At this time, it's important we keep each other safe and communicate about these events to help support one another.

Thank you for your continued support.



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