



# Astley Primary School

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## Coronavirus Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

You will be aware of the escalation in the coronavirus pandemic over the last few days. Understandably, everyone including staff, parents and pupils will be concerned.

Please be assured that we will continue to follow the detailed advice received from the DfE and Public Health England.

In addition to the guidance, I have decided to impose some restrictions to our normal patterns of working to promote social distancing in order to reduce risks. I believe that these are sensible and proportionate precautions to ensure that I have done everything possible to protect our school community.

These restrictions will start immediately and until further notice:

1. No achievement/class assemblies for parents (Bears will be postponed.)
2. No open mornings.
3. Bears' Parents Evenings will be postponed.
4. Additional deep cleaning to be introduced, including door handles, keyboards and hard surfaces.
5. Staff will leave a window open when possible.
6. All meetings outside school are to be cancelled.
7. All planned meetings with external visitors will be at my discretion.
8. Visitors to school for more than a few minutes to wash their hands on arrival.
9. No handshaking in school.
10. School trips (including swimming) will be cancelled until further notice.
11. We may need to deploy staff differently, to ensure the smooth running of the school, we appreciate your support in this.

There are some things that are outside my control. For example, I am not allowed to close the school unless Public Health England advises me to do so. This may of course happen over the coming days or weeks, and we are preparing for this scenario. To this end, teachers are currently preparing work to be sent home.

The risk to children and young people remains very low. However, if they contract the virus they can pass this to other people who may be at greater risk. In order to reduce the chances of this happening, **please inform your child that they should:**

1. Wash their hands regularly and thoroughly for at least 20 seconds. They **must** now do this:

- Just before setting off from home.
- As soon as possible on arrival to school.
- Before eating.
- Immediately when they arrive home.

2. Not touch their face, particularly around the mouth, nose or eyes.

3. Self-isolate if they have a high temperature and/or a new and persistent cough.

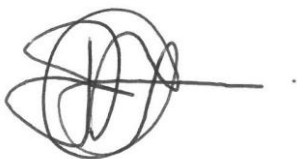
4. If they exhibit these symptoms in school pupils will be placed in isolation until parents can collect them.

To reiterate, if your child develops a temperature of 37.8C and/or a new persistent cough, please self-isolate for 7 days. Please follow the normal school procedures for absence. If the school does need to close, we will follow the normal school closure procedures. Thank you for your continued support, and please be reassured that these measures are designed to reduce risk.

At present, guidance states that it is only necessary to keep children at home if they are presenting symptoms as above.

Please do not hesitate to speak to a member of SLT if you have any concerns or questions and rest assured that, as always, we will continue to do what is best for the community of Astley.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Goakes  
Headteacher