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Coronavirus update – Monday 16th March 2020

Dear Parent / Carer

The latest guidance from the Prime Minister's update this afternoon indicates some changes to previous information.

It is now recommended that whole households stay at home for 14 days if one person in the household starts to display symptoms of the Covid-19 virus.

Symptoms include:

- A new continuous cough and/or
- High temperature

People in household isolation should avoid leaving the house.

Pupils who have been absent from school today with the symptoms of covid-19 should continue to self isolate for 14 days along with their siblings.

The current advice for schools is to remain open, however it is possible that we may be in a situation where we have insufficient staffing due to the need for staff to self-isolate.

To minimise disruption to learning as much as possible, whilst also considering the health and safety of staff and children we will put the following action plan into place:

1. School open

When there are limited staff absences the school will remain open and operate as normal. If we do anticipate staff absences, then where possible we will communicate this the previous day and potentially delay opening.

2. School Partially open

If staff absences are at a level that affects the normal operation of the school, we may have to move to partial opening; this would mean that school is open only to specific year groups or classes. We have to ensure that we have sufficient staff available to provide the safe and effective environment for the children.

3. School closed

Where a large number of staff are unavailable and we cannot operate safely then the school would have to close. We may also receive a directive from Government to close. The decision will be taken by the head teacher and communicated by adverse weather channels and PS Connect email and text correspondence. We



will also post information about school partial opening and school closure on the latest news page of the school website. Teachers are currently preparing resources to allow learning to continue at home and over the coming days we will be providing parents with details of this.

Educational visits

Where we have educational visits planned we are communicating with providers to assess health and safety precautions. We will inform you of any cancellations.

Pupil absence

If your child is unwell with any of the symptoms above, please ensure that you do follow the Government guidance of 14 days household isolation and do not send them to school. Please inform the school office, clearly stating the reason for absence.

We will continue to follow Government advice and endeavour to keep you fully informed. At present please remember that the advice is to hand wash regularly, we have used the NHS handwashing song in assembly if you would like to reinforce this at home.

[NHS Handwashing Song](#)

Yours Faithfully

Walkley Primary School Safeguarding Team