



Upton-upon-Severn CofE Primary and Pre School
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Headteacher
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Dear Parents/Carers,

We have been giving you regular updates about the Coronavirus and the actions that we are taking within school. We have been following the medical advice to wash hands frequently and thoroughly. We are also regularly disinfecting surfaces where the virus potentially can be found. Within school we have taken steps to ensure that we use all-in-one disinfectant spray and wipes on a regular basis and are cleaning key areas such as handles, sinks and taps throughout the day.

We are currently waiting for the Government to inform us over the next phase of their plan and, whilst we wait for this, as a school we are taking steps to ensure social distancing is in place to mitigate the risk to the Upton school community. From tomorrow morning, unfortunately, we will be stopping all external visitors to school. Therefore we will not be holding class assemblies for parents, inviting parent helpers in, holding the parents' evenings or any of our church services. These measures will be in place from today until further notice.

We do however have to prepare ourselves, as best we can, for the possibility that a student or member of staff may be positively tested to have caught the virus I would like to inform you what would happen in this event. We would follow the advice being laid down by the Government which is available online at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19>

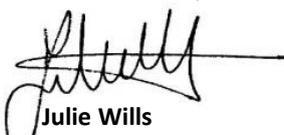
Whilst I as the headteacher, in consultation with the Chair of Governors, am able to close the school in the face of an emergency caused, for example by flooding. Any decision to close the school for the Coronavirus has to be made by the local Public Health England Health Protection Team. They will be informed of any positive test results, assess the situation at the school and advise on any action that should be taken.

We are currently waiting to see if the Government will close schools and we are preparing for this possibility. Should this happen we are striving to set up an online access to work through the SIMS Parent App. All parents will be sent instructions on how to set this up in due course. We will also be providing all the children with a special work pack and a specific project that we are in the middle of planning.

Please be reassured that we will keep you fully informed and should the Government take the decision to close schools, further information will be sent to you regarding our plans to support your child's education.

I am sure you will appreciate the steps we are taking to protect everyone in our school community. I have been so impressed with the support we have received regarding our hand sanitising procedure of all the children on entry to school. Thank you for this support during these unprecedented and challenging times.

Yours sincerely,



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