



# Denmead Junior School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Since I wrote to you on Friday, the advice from the government concerning the management of the coronavirus outbreak has changed significantly.

The advice is now:

If one person in a household starts to display flu-like symptoms - defined as a fever of above 37.8C or a persistent cough - everyone living there must stay at home for 14 days.

Any person who has an underlying health condition, who is over 70 or pregnant should self-isolate for 12 weeks. A list of these conditions can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-social-distancing-and-for-vulnerable-people/guidance-on-social-distancing-for-everyone-in-the-uk-and-protecting-older-people-and-vulnerable-adults>

This advice obviously has huge implications for us as a school and for your families. In the coming days there will be more children and staff who will need to stay away from school. We will also have some staff with underlying health conditions who will need to self-isolate for this length of time (until the end of May).

As I said on Friday, we will do all that we can to keep the school open to as many children as possible for as long as possible. Any decision to close either a year group or the whole school will be communicated using text or email. We will do what can to avoid the need for this, but the health of the whole school community needs to be our primary concern at this time.

In the coming days we will also be sending out information to help those of you who are at home to support your child's learning.

We have cancelled all trips and visitors to the school, and class assemblies. After school clubs are continuing to run at the moment. Please can we request that any queries to the office are made via email or phone rather than in person wherever possible. We would also like all money transactions to not be cash, but if this has to be the case that it is handed over in a plastic bag.

Should we receive any further advice from either the local authority, Public Health England or the government we will act accordingly.

Again, thank you for all your support through these difficult and unusual circumstances.

Best wishes

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