



**TODDINGTON ST. GEORGE CHURCH of ENGLAND SCHOOL
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Dear Parents and Carers

Coronavirus

Corona virus. If you have been in contact with someone with Coronavirus or have returned from an **affected area** identified by the Chief Medical Officer as high risk and you are feeling unwell with

a cough

difficulty breathing

or a fever

stay at home and use the [NHS 111 online coronavirus service](#) or call **NHS 111.**

Please also be aware of the [new recommendations](#) for all those with a new continuous cough or high temperature to stay at home. If you have either: a high temperature or a new, continuous cough **do not go to a GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital**. You do not need to contact 111 to tell them you're staying at home. Read the [advice about staying at home](#). We are aware that if one member of the family is self-isolating most families will elect to isolate as a family and absence codes for self-isolation will be used. Please inform the school accordingly.

Planning ahead

To reassure you **we would only have to shut school** if

- 1) We are directed to by the Government/Public Health England
- 2) We could not staff the school to ensure learning and safety of children
- 3) Services required to keep children safe on site could not be guaranteed
(e.g. ambulance, fire, heat, light, water, food etc.)

If we had significant staffing concerns

We would need to close Ducklings, our Nursery first, and transfer staff to the main school. This is because legally Nursery education is non-statutory and we would be advised to close that part of the school first.

This is not expected at this stage.

I know some parents are concerned about what would happen if we had to shut.

Our current guidance for you.

Medicines If that occurred all medicines and inhalers etc. would be returned to Parents and Carers to ensure you had additional medication for your child.

School work We have plans in place to send work home for children should we have to close the school in the weeks ahead. (Please see the update sheet we issued earlier this week regarding other plans already in place).

We intend to issue **weekly home learning packs** and a **home 'log in' to Purple Mash**, a package that the children use already in school. A note explaining this in greater detail will be sent to you **on Monday**. Please inform the office by phone call if you do not have access to the internet.

Currently

Diary dates and Trips/visits We will be planning all our activities but will be letting Parents know if any events are cancelled on a day to day basis. Please watch the website banner for updates.

Please be aware that as more adults have to self-isolate so this could affect our staffing and children may have different staff working with them if that occurs. Again work is planned to enable the learning to continue even if different staff are needed to work with children.

What you can do to prepare

Make back up plans for how you would manage your child care if school has to be closed at any point in the weeks ahead.

Please inform the office by phone call if you do not have access to the internet on Monday.