



St Philip Westbrook
C of E Aided Primary School
'Together we aim high and with God's love we can fly'

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Re: Coronavirus Contingency Plans

Dear Parents and Carers,

As a school we are receiving, and following, guidance from Public Health England and the Government regarding our response to the Covid-19 Coronavirus. We are approaching the possibility of the coronavirus situation disrupting schooling in a calm and measured manner. We are focussing upon ensuring the safety of our pupils, whilst maintaining their access to quality education.

Please note that school will not close unless advised to by Public Health England or the Government.

The Government has advised that anyone with a new and continuous cough and/or a high temperature should self-isolate for 7 days. Therefore, if your child develops any of these symptoms they must remain absent from school for at least 7 days. Any child presenting with any of the above symptoms will be sent home and will be able to return after 7 days.

In the event of school closure in the future, we are currently planning strategies to enable pupils to access learning opportunities from home. This would be mainly online via Purple Mash and Showbie, in addition to Times Tables Rock Stars for year 2 to year 6, and Reading Plus for junior children. These directed activities will be communicated via the class pages on the school website.

All children currently have a login for the above programs and over the forthcoming week we will ensure that children practise using their logons and passwords in school. From next week, some homework will also be set on Purple Mash to enable learning this way from home. We will also ensure that your child's logon and password for these programs are in the back of your child's reading diary.

The first step is to establish pupil's access to the internet via own or family members' iPad/ tablet /computer /laptop/smartphone at home, so we can ensure access to education continues during any period of school closure. **Please notify the school office by Monday 16th March if your child cannot access to the internet via a device from home.**

If you have recently changed any contact details, it is also very important that you inform the school office as soon as possible.

In line with national guidance, personal hygiene is the most important way we can tackle COVID-19. As a school, we are making sure that the children are washing their hands regularly and are following the catch it, bin it, kill it strategy and/or coughing into the crook of your elbow (and not your bare hands) for those with coughs and sneezes.

As this is a fast changing situation, we will keep you informed as we receive updates.

Yours sincerely

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