

Bishop Road Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Coronavirus Update

Yesterday I wrote to you detailing school advice about changes to daily running of the school.

Please find below information school has received from the Local Authority to support and inform your decision making regarding self-isolation and social-distancing. With the current situation we anticipate greater numbers of children will be absent from school and classes will begin to be merged as staff absences increase daily.

Developing symptoms

Staff, young people and children should stay at home if they are unwell with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature. They should, along with the rest of their family, self-isolate for 14 days.

Children and adults with long-term health conditions

Those with long-term health conditions, such as diabetes, serious heart conditions, underlying neurological problems and kidney or liver disease, are at higher risk. These are the people who are offered an annual flu vaccine injection. This does not include anyone that chooses to have the annual vaccine or the ones that are administered orally through the schools programme. People who this applies to, are being advised to self-isolate for 16 weeks.

The list of at risk categories (for both children and adults is):

- chronic (long-term) respiratory disease, such as severe asthma,
- chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) or bronchitis
- chronic heart disease, such as heart failure
- chronic kidney disease at stage three, four or five
- chronic liver disease
- cerebral palsy



- chronic neurological disease, such as Parkinson’s disease or motor neurone disease, or learning disability
- diabetes
- splenic dysfunction or asplenia
- a weakened immune system due to disease (such as HIV/AIDS) or treatment (such as cancer treatment)
- morbidly obese (defined as BMI of 40 and above)

Families where a member has long term health conditions

- A likely scenario will be that, where one member of the family is in the high risk category, the rest of the family will choose to self-isolate or increase social-distancing, to reduce the likelihood of bringing the virus into the house and putting them at greater risk

We hope the above information from the Local Authority aids you in your decision making.

Thank you for your support in managing in this challenging time.

Yours sincerely,

Joe Emissah
Deputy Head

