



Oldbury Park Primary RSA Academy
Oldbury Road
Worcester
WR2 6AA
Principal: Mrs Sarah Boyce

Tel: 01905 424878

Fax: 01905 339326

Email: office@oldburypark.worcs.sch.uk

Website: www.oldburypark.worcs.sch.uk

Monday 16th March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Coronavirus Update

I am writing to thank you for your calm approach and support during this uncertain time in which we find ourselves over the Coronavirus.

It is crucial that we have all your contact details up to date, that's phone numbers and email addresses. Please advise us as soon as possible if these have changed recently.

We will continue to follow the Government's and Department for Education's advice concerning the possibility of school closures and, until otherwise stated, we are planning to be open as usual.

Washing hands for 20 seconds (singing Happy Birthday twice!) is very important and this has been put in place in school. The children are also encouraged to make sure they thoroughly dry their hands to help prevent them getting sore. Carrying out these procedures at home (before eating and when coming in and out of the home) will also help to reduce the transfer of infection. Everyone should avoid touching their faces and try to catch sneezes and coughs in a tissue to be immediately disposed of.

There has been strong advice regarding self-isolating for anyone who may show the symptoms of a new, persistent, dry cough, high temperature or breathlessness. If any of your family present with such symptoms, you should of course follow the advice to self-isolate the whole family for seven days, so absence from school will be necessary.

What the school is doing:

- Keeping up-to-date with daily Government guidelines and information
- Stopping assemblies and other large gatherings of children in school
- Stopping activities which involve parental involvement eg activity afternoons, information sessions and Friday assemblies
- Holding all PE sessions outdoors when possible
- Cancelling Thursday swimming sessions for Year 4
- Cancelling all home and away sports fixtures.

In the event of self-isolation, I wanted to suggest a few things that could be done with your child:

- Read with your child (listening to them, or you reading to them), discussing the text etc, every day.
- Carry out athletics' challenges on mathletics.com
- Where possible, get some fresh air and make sure your child gets lots of exercise – they are used to doing one kilometre a day, forest school and PE lessons everyday
- At the same time, be mindful of the amount of time your children spend on their phones and screens. It is proven not to be good for their mental health.

In the event of closure, we will send further details of work and activities which can be carried out at home. At present, the school has no confirmed cases among staff, parents and children.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions. It is a difficult time for us all and we need to look after the whole school community.

With best wishes

Sarah Boyce