



Willaston Primary School



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Dear Parents/Carers

We are very aware that this is an unprecedented period of concern for us all. I will endeavour to update you regularly on changes as they occur. This letter will be posted on our Twitter and Facebook pages.

At present we are being advised that **schools are to remain open**. I am attending a meeting at 4pm this evening, with Island Headteachers and the Minister for Education to discuss the situation, so will brief everyone further tomorrow.

We now have a comprehensive risk assessment in place, which outlines our practices to ensure the school can function as normally as possible, whilst reducing the risk for everyone.

These are updated changes that have been made:-

Any children showing mild symptoms such as a continuous cough and/or high temperature should self isolate for 14 days.

Any staff member showing mild symptoms such as a continuous cough and/or high temperature should self isolate for 14 days.

If any household member has symptoms of coronavirus, then all household members must stay at home and not leave the house for 14 days. The 14-day period starts from the day when the first person in the house became ill.

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If staff or pupils are in a household with someone who is self isolating with no symptoms (ie. returning from UK) there is NO requirement for all members of the household to self isolate.

Cleaning within school has been 'stepped up' with Ms Kirkham regularly wiping surfaces with disinfectant.

Parents evening will NOT be taking place at present. The senior leadership team are exploring alternative approaches to keep parents apprised of their child's progress.

Non essential visit/visitors to school have been cancelled. Therefore events **NOT** taking place are:-

- open the book assembly
- NSPCC assemblies and workshops
- Read, write inc. workshop for Foundation/KS1
- Cake sale for Year 5
- Cross Country Competition
- Sports hall athletics
- Dolphin Gala
- Daffodil presentation at the Town Hall

Obviously we are in a time of rapid change, so we will endeavour to keep everyone informed.

If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to speak to me in the morning when I am on the school playground or contact the school.

Yours Faithfully

Rose Burton (Headteacher)