



# Parent Bulletin

## 17th March 2020

### Thorp Primary school

#### Message from Ms Bowers (Headteacher) and Ms Dunn (Deputy headteacher)

Dear Parents,

#### **We write to update you on our response to COVID – 19.**

The advice from the Department for Education and Public Health England remains that schools and childcare settings should stay open at this stage and continue as normal unless directed to close by Public Health England.

We are closely following DfE and Public Health guidance daily but I recognise that this is a fast-moving situation and arrangements may need to change.

We are putting in place the changes below with immediate effect;

- **Assemblies have been cancelled until further notice.**
- **There will be no more educational visits, trips, sports fixtures etc carried out prior to the Easter break. All pre-existing visits etc have been cancelled or postponed.**
- **We will not allow any non-essential visitors to be brought into the building and all meetings that have been organised with external visitors will be carried out via the telephone or postponed.**

We are aware that parts of the United Kingdom have implemented a fixed term closure. You can be assured we have been working on our contingency plans for some time to deal with closure when or should it arise. Above all, it is the health and welfare of the children and staff which is our priority in this matter and we will close if it is necessary for us to do this.

As part of our strategy to monitor children who may be at risk of acquiring the virus, we ask that all parents notify the school of any travel arrangements which they have to visit countries outside of the UK until the end of the Easter holiday. If you have any travel plans outside the UK during the holidays, please let us know as soon as possible. We have also asked all staff to notify the school if they plan on travelling outside the UK.

As a school, we are following the medical advice from the government which does state at present that:

- **Anyone with symptoms should stay at home for at least 7 days.**
- **If you live with other people, they should stay at home for at least 14 days, to avoid spreading the infection outside the home.**

- **After 14 days, anyone you live with who does not have symptoms can return to their normal routine. But, if anyone in your home gets symptoms, they should stay at home for 7 days from the day their symptoms start. Even if it means they're at home for longer than 14 days.**
- **If you live with someone who is 70 or over, has a long-term condition, is pregnant or has a weakened immune system, try to find somewhere else for them to stay for 14 days.**
- **If you have to stay at home together, try to keep away from each other as much as possible.**

**If you still have symptoms after 7 days**

- **After 7 days, if you no longer have a high temperature you can return to your normal routine.**
- **If you still have a high temperature, stay at home until your temperature returns to normal.**
- **If you still have a cough after 7 days, but your temperature is normal, you do not need to continue staying at home. A cough can last for several weeks after the infection has gone.**

You do not need to call NHS 111 to go into self-isolation. If your symptoms worsen during home isolation or are no better after 7 days, contact NHS 111 online. If you have no internet access, you should call NHS 111. For a medical emergency dial 999.

We take health, safety and hygiene very seriously, and the welfare of the children in our care and our staff is our primary concern. We already have robust procedures in place, particularly with regular hand washing and cleaning /sanitising all areas of the setting. As per the government guidelines, in order to protect our children and staff, we are having to put in place further measures, that you are required to follow until further notice:

- **Please DO NOT send your child to School if they have a temperature of 37.8 or above. Children that develop temperature during the day must be collected immediately and remain at home for 7 days.**
- **Please DO NOT send your child to School if they develop a new, persistent cough. Children that develop a cough during the day must be collected immediately and remain at home for 7 days.**
- **If you require to speak to us for anything please call the school on 0161 823 0520 rather than coming to our office.**

Your co-operation with the above temporary changes to our policies and procedures is greatly appreciated.

Should the situation and advice to schools and childcare settings change we will contact you via email and the MyEd App. Please ensure the main office has up to date contact details if they have changed, and that you monitor your emails.

We thank you for your continued support.

Kind Regards

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