



17<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parent/Carers,

Thank you for all your support in helping us to keep the school open and life for the children as normal as possible. This is obviously a worrying time and I am aware that some families have had to make difficult decisions. It helps us to know you are working with us to keep everyone safe.

### **NHS Advice**

The NHS have asked that all asthmatic children have their inhalers in school and near them at all times. We have also been asked to remind parents/carers that they need to act on the advice from the Government for advice on Coronavirus.

### **Learning Packs /Home Learning**

The Government may take the decision to implement a programme of full school closures. Under such circumstances, we will provide the children with a pack of work and online resources. We hope to have packs ready for collection or sending home by Thursday of this week. Could all children attending school please bring with them a carrier bag or folder for the work. Packs will be put into book bags for any children who bring these to school. For any families who are already self-isolating, we are happy for you to telephone us and let us know the time you would like to pick up your packs (from Thursday onwards). These will then be placed out the front of school ready for collection at your allotted time.

If working from home, we strongly recommend that children are supported in replicating a school day. Setting up an area on your dining table or a desk where work is completed is important. In the pack, children will have an exercise book and equipment to enable them to complete the work. We will then request that work is marked alongside your child. With the whole school having a focus on the British Isles, for at least some of the work, it would be lovely to share this on our return to school. We would also like all children to read (for younger children this could include being read to) for at least 30 minutes each day.

There is immediate access available to on-line home learning. The link to this is below.

<https://www.tatworth.somerset.sch.uk/parent-information/home-learning>

Please follow the tabs on the website to find on-line resources to support with learning at home. Oxford Owl is the only resource that is password protected: class login: tatworth2 and password: tatworth2

### **Lunches**

If schools are officially closed, all children in receipt of Pupil Premium Free School Meals (across Rec, KS1 and KS2) will be given a parent/student store card for the sum of £2.25 for each school day we are closed. The store card is for Tesco and the amount is the daily charge of £2.25 to cover the cost of lunch. This is not the Universal Free School Meal which is received by all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 but only for Free School Meal children.

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### **Phonics Fluency Meeting**

Following guidelines, we have postponed the scheduled meeting tomorrow morning 9 am – 10 am for phonics fluency. We very much want to pass on the information and we will be sending a document out with the key information soon. We hope you find this useful.

### **Trips**

Year 2 educational visit and Year 5/6 forest school trip this week are still due to go ahead as explained in yesterday's update.

### **PAFOTS**

Sadly, the decision has been taken to cancel all upcoming PAFOTS events. This includes the cookie sale on Friday, the disco and Easter bingo. The pennies can still be coming in as The Penny Wars will continue; thank you for your support with this.

Please find below the latest information from the Department of Education.

Kind regards



Tracey Hart  
Headteacher





This is your daily email to keep you updated on the government's response to COVID-19 (coronavirus).

## New guidance for households with symptoms

Yesterday, the Government introduced new guidance on whole household isolation in response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak:

- if you live alone and you have symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), however mild, stay at home for 7 days from when your symptoms started
  - if you live with others and you or another member of the household have 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. It is likely that people living within a household will infect each other or be infected already. Staying at home for 14 days will greatly reduce the overall amount of infection the household could pass on to others in the community
  - for anyone in the household who starts displaying symptoms, they need to stay at home for 7 days from when the symptoms appeared, regardless of what day they are on in the original 14-day isolation period.
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- The symptoms are:
  - A high temperature (37.8 degrees and above)
  - A new, continuous cough

The full stay at home guidance for households with these symptoms can be found here:

- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>



The Prime Minister's statement from Monday 16 March can be found here:

- <https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/pm-statement-on-coronavirus-16-march-2020>

## Handwashing advice

The most important thing individuals can do to protect themselves is to wash their hands more often, for at least 20 seconds, with soap and water. Public Health England recommends that in addition to handwashing before eating, and after coughing and sneezing, everyone should also wash hands after using toilets and travelling on public transport.

Watch this short NHS film for guidance:

- <https://youtu.be/bQCP7waTRWU>

## Department for Education coronavirus helpline

The Department for Education coronavirus helpline is available to answer questions about COVID-19 relating to education and children's social care. Staff, parents and young people can contact this helpline as follows:

Phone: 0800 046 8687

Opening hours: 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday), 10am to 4pm (Saturday to Sunday)

Please note, we are currently experiencing high volumes of calls. We appreciate your patience at this time and apologise for any wait that you may experience. To ensure that we answer your calls as quickly as possible, we have now extended our opening hours to cover weekends and are increasing the number of call handlers available to answer your calls.



## Where to find the latest information

Updates on COVID-19:

- <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Travel advice for those travelling and living overseas:

- <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/travel-advice-novel-coronavirus>

Educational resources:

- <https://campaignresources.phe.gov.uk/resources/campaigns/101-coronavirus-/resources>
- <https://campaignresources.phe.gov.uk/schools>

Latest Department for Education information:

- <https://twitter.com/educationgovuk>
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