



Gentleshaw Primary Academy

17th March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

RE: Coronavirus Outbreak

Following the latest Government update yesterday, we wanted to bring you up to date with the latest information about the current situation.

What has changed after yesterday's update?

The isolation period when a high temperature or a cough are present has now been increased to **14 days** rather than 7 days as previously stated.

In addition, the **isolation has now been extended to the whole household** rather than just the person showing symptoms. This means we will be asking you not to send in siblings of any children who are presenting with the Coronavirus symptoms - even if they seem healthy in themselves.

Please be aware that this does also include members of our staff team, who also have to self-isolate if they or a member of their household show these specific symptoms.

School support for children in isolation

As part of our Action Plan, we are currently working incredibly hard behind the scenes to develop our approach to providing class work for children at home. We aim to share this with you over the next day or so.

Home-School Communication

We will be adding a new page onto our school website later today, under the 'Information' tab. This 'Coronavirus Information' page will be used to share ALL related information, including updated information as well as Home Learning strategies. Please ensure that you check this page regularly to help you keep completely up to date.

We are wholly aware of how extreme these new measures may seem, and how disruptive it may be for your family to have to keep children at home for the 14 day period. However, we must ask for your support at this challenging time in order to enable the academy to follow the guidelines that we have been given by both the Government and Department for Education.

Please contact the academy office should you have any specific questions, or require any further information or assistance.

Thank you for your support.

G Parsons
Headteacher